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## TELEGRAMS.

### BOMB OUTRAGE.

#### VICEROY OF INDIA INJURED.

Reuter's  
[Service to the "Telegraph."]  
London, December 23.

During the State entry into the new capital of India (Delhi) a bomb was thrown and struck the howdah of the Viceroy's elephant, killing the attendant and wounding Lord Hardinge in the shoulder.

The Viceroy was removed to hospital.

#### DETAILS OF THE AFFAIR.

Later.

Reuter's correspondent at Delhi wires the following account of the outrage.—The Viceroy's splendid elephant procession left the station, passing through the famous street named Chand-nichowk.

The assailant was on top of a house, and the attendant holding His Excellency's umbrella was killed, and another attendant wounded in eight places.

The bomb was of a most powerful nature.

The Viceroy, who was also in the howdah, was untouched, though she was terribly upset and shaken.

The elephant was quickly halted, as the driver was not injured.

Mrs. Holloway and Mrs. Batte, of the St. John's Ambulance Society, and others, assisted the wounded into a chair, a stretcher was improvised and Lord Hardinge was placed in a motor car and taken to hospital.

The Viceroy motored to the Viceregal Lodge.

The procession was then resumed, Sir Guy Fleetwood Wilson, Finance Member of the Council of India, replacing the Viceroy and conducting the Durbar.

#### THE VICEROY'S INJURIES.

Later.

Lord Hardinge has sent a message to Sir Fleetwood Wilson saying that he is only slightly injured. Sir Fleetwood Wilson read the message at the Durbar, whereupon the audience rose and cheered for several minutes. The applause of the Chiefs was most noticeable.

#### SEVERAL ARRESTS.

Indignation at the outrage is most intense.

The police immediately surrounded the house from which the bomb was thrown and made several arrests.

All the outlets to the city are being carefully guarded.

#### Child's Body Found.

The body of a newly born female child has, according to the police report, been found in Yau-mat, yesterday, at the back of Arthur Street. Death was apparently due to natural causes.

#### Italian Service Men.

By the Puezow from the North, there are passing through some 130 Italian soldiers and twelve non-commissioned officers of the Italian Marine, bound for Naples.

## TELEGRAMS.

### THE BALKAN WAR.

#### TURKISH NAVAL SORTIE.

Reuter's  
[Service to the "Telegraph."]  
London, December 23.

Reuter's correspondent at Athens states that the Turkish battleship Torgutreis, the cruiser Medjidieh, and three destroyers made a sortie from the Dardanelles on Sunday towards the island of Tenedos. The destroyers approached the town and fired twenty shells, doing no harm, however. The Turkish inhabitants cheered and hoisted the Turkish flag whereupon a company of Greek bluejackets on the island fired upon them killing and wounding fifteen. The Turkish vessels then returned to the Dardanelles.

The Greek Squadron off Lemnos was informed of the sortie by wireless, and is now in pursuit. The Greek Admiral considers that the absence of three of the best Turkish warships is proof that the Greek Squadron disabled them in the engagement on the 18th inst.

#### TURKISH LOSSES.

The correspondent of the "Times" at Constantinople says that Djavid Pasha, commanding the remnants of the Monastir forces, has been killed, with his Chief-of-Staff, in an action in the vicinity of Janina, in which the Turks were finally victorious.

#### ARMISTICE BROKEN.

A message from Belgrade states that the Turks on Friday attacked the Serbians near Soutari. The Serbians replied and a fierce engagement was fought with considerable loss.

#### MILITARY SERVICE IN JAPAN.

It is reported that military service is increasing in popularity among the better classes in Japan. According to a report published by the Army Education Department in the War Office, the number of candidates applying for service as military officers this year was 4,542, and the candidates making application for admission to the junior military preparatory schools numbered 4,424. The total number of vacancies for candidates for the service was only 511, while the number of vacancies for students in the junior military preparatory school was not more than 300. There can be little doubt that this drift towards the army is due to economic reasons, the universities and the high schools turning out many men every year who find it increasingly difficult to find a place in the professions or in the higher grades of commerce. From the Japanese point of view the employment offered by the military profession, though not laying the foundation of a fortune, are no doubt attractive to those who are compelled to choose a career. The lowest grade of subaltern receives Y33 per month, and promotion to lieutenant involves a rise of salary to Y57. The monthly salary of the highest grade of captain (there are three grades in the Japanese army) is Y105; of a colonel Y245, of a major-general Y325, and of a lieutenant-general Y410. The monthly salary of a general is Y625, a substantial income as things go in Japan, but there are only 16 generals on active service in the Japanese army. Pensions are given if retirement takes place after ten years' service, the amount being about one-fourth of the salary paid on service and increasing according to the length of years served.

#### Russia's Naval Programme.

Russia has arranged for a small navy programme in 1913, which provides 59 million roubles, whereof 39 millions will be set apart for men-of-war.

## TELEGRAMS.

### CHRISTMAS LETTERS.

#### AN ABOMINABLE ACT.

Reuter's  
[Service to the "Telegraph."]  
London, December 23.

The Suffragettes took advantage of the heavy Christmas mails to again raid the London pillar boxes last evening, hundreds of letters and Christmas cards being damaged.

#### 'NYMPHS' IN TROUBLE.

#### Fun Round A Public Water Tap.

Before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, at the Police, yesterday afternoon, two Chinese were charged with assaulting another Chinese. Mr. L. D'Almada, prosecuted and Mr. F. X. D'Almada defended.

The first defendant had also taken out a cross-summons. Mr. L. D'Almada said that this case was one of those cases of assault which was caused directly or indirectly by the unfortunate scarcity of water. It was the usual custom of the Chinese to send their shop-coolies to get water from the public taps in the streets. The complainant in this case went in the ordinary course of business to get water from a tap in Wing Lok Street and when he had filled one of his buckets the first defendant came near the tap with his bucket with the object of getting water. Whilst the complainant was filling his bucket the first defendant rushed the bucket over and spilt the water. When the complainant remonstrated with him, he received in reply a knock on the shoulder with a bamboo pole which the first defendant was using. When he turned round to see the man who had struck him, he was hit in the mouth by the second defendant, and immediately afterwards a crowd of men "jumped on" the complainant and he was so seriously handled that he had to be brought to the Police Station in a chair. He was seen by a doctor who attended to his injuries and who would be called. The case was adjourned.

#### ANTI-RUSSIANS IN SHANGHAI.

Politicians in Shanghai seem to have taken a strong attitude with reference to the present diplomatic troubles with Russia, and on the 18th inst. a section of them sent an urgent telegram to Peking giving expression to their opinions. This was signed by the Chinese Industrial Group, the Association of Chinese Socialists, the editorial staff of the "Ball" (Chinese newspaper) and its gist was that certain officials, described as holding pro-Russian sentiments, should be dismissed from office in order to prevent them "selling their country." The telegram first pointed out the inadvisability of the men being retained in office at the present critical juncture, and proceeded to give reasons.

The men referred to in the telegram are:—Li Cheng-hsiang, Minister for Foreign Affairs, described as a well-known pro-Russian, who very long ago was decorated with a high order by the Tsar; his followers and proteges such as Li Chia-ao, formerly Chinese Commercial Agent at Vladivostok and at present Tsingtao (?), of Harbin; Chang Ching-tsun, a returned student from St. Petersburg, also decorated by the Tsar for having translated into Russian the "Life of Li Hung-chang" written by Liang Chi-chao; and also Chen Han, another returned student from Russia who was some time ago assistant engineer of the Huangpu Conservancy.

The telegram was addressed, says the N. C. China Daily News, to President Yuan Shih-kai, to the Cabinet and to the National Assembly.

## TELEGRAMS.

### H. M. S. BEAVER.

#### ONLY SLIGHTLY DAMAGED.

Reuter's  
[Service to the "Telegraph."]  
London, December 23.

The torpedo boat *Beaver*, which went ashore at Haisborough, has returned to Portsmouth under her own steam. She is only slightly damaged at the bow.

#### GOLD COAST DEVELOPMENT.

#### Syndicate to Exploit Oil-bearing Land.

Mr. L. A. Allen, presiding at the meeting of the Gold Coast Development Syndicate, Limited, after explaining the position as regards their mining interests, went on to describe an oil interest which they had acquired. He said that three months ago one of their agents had come home from the Gold Coast and said that he had located a place where there was oil. The board had a great belief in the future of oil, and they had taken a great interest in this discovery. After discussing the matter with the agent they had dispatched him to the Gold Coast with a view to obtaining the concession in question, as well as options on several adjoining tracts of land which he considered it would be a good thing for the company to acquire. The agent had since returned, having obtained the lease, together with an option on adjoining ground. Samples of the "earthy matter" composing the surface ground had been sent to England, and had been analysed by Sir Boverton Redwood. He (the chairman) had shown the analyses to several experts, who said they were of the opinion that the results shown were sufficiently encouraging to warrant a further examination of the property. The proper exploitation of the property would require the expenditure of a certain sum of money, and in view of the financial position of the company, the directors had come to the conclusion that it would be wiser to form a separate syndicate for the exploitation of the property. They suggested that the capital of that syndicate should be £10,000, of which only £2,000 would be issued at once. That capital would in the first place be offered to the shareholders, and, if they did not subscribe, they would then try to get the money elsewhere. They considered that £2,000 would be quite sufficient to exploit the property thoroughly. If the results were satisfactory another company would be immediately floated to take over the property, and the shareholders in the syndicate would naturally be favourably dealt with.

#### Mate's Uniforms.

The "Globe" states that mates and acting mates are to wear similar uniform to that of sub-lieutenants; but they need not provide themselves with the full dress coat.

#### Mishap to Japanese Vessel.

The s.s. *Senzan Maru*, 2,210 tons, formerly the *Goulpara*, owned by Messrs. Iwaki & Co., of Ohefoo, and registered in the Kwantung Leased Territory, while on her way to Kobe on the 30th ult., collided near Yoro Island in the Inner Channel of Japan with a Japanese sloop of a good size, which was being driven by the swift current and furious gale, resulting in damage to her larboard bow, etc. The *Senzan Maru* is now receiving hurried repairs at the hands of the Inoshima Branch of the Osaka Iron Works. The Marine Disiplinary Committee has the matter under investigation, and a preliminary hearing to the steamer will be held shortly.

## NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

### TELEGRAMS.

#### THE NEWS CONDENSED.

It is reported from Belgrade that the Turks have attacked the Servians near Soutari.

The Suffragettes have damaged hundreds of letters and Christmas cards in the London pillar-boxes.

H. M. S. *Beaver*, which went ashore at Haisborough, has arrived at Portsmouth with a slightly damaged bow.

In an action near Janina, Djavid Pasha, in command of the Monastir forces, was killed, as well as his Chief-of-Staff.

A Turkish naval force fired twenty shells on the island of Tenedos with doing any harm. The Greek squadron is pursuing the force.

A dastardly attempt was made on Lord Hardinge at Delhi, a man throwing a bomb which injured the Viceroy, who was taken to hospital.

Sir Charles Eliot has been entertained at the International Institute, Shanghai, his statement on the Hongkong University impressing the Chinese.

#### LOCAL.

There is little or nothing fresh to report regarding the boycott to-day.

The death has place of Captain McGinty, who was a well-known local figure.

An interview with the superintendent of telegraphs in the Philippines appears in this issue.

### H. M. S. NEWCASTLE.

H.M.S. *Gibraltar* arrived in Colombo harbour yesterday afternoon about three, says the "Times of Ceylon" of December 2. She has on board about 308 petty officers and men for H.M.S. *Newcastle* of the China station, which is also in harbour and has been awaiting the *Gibraltar* for some time. The officers who will be transferred are Lieut. Salisbury, Lieut. Gray, sub-Lieut. Bolitho, Staff-Surgeon Roche and Rogers and Staff-Paymaster Jones. It will be remembered that we have already announced that Captain F. Fowler arrived by the Mail steamer *Malwa* to join the *Newcastle*, and that Lieut. Gibbs accompanied him.

The *Gibraltar* should have arrived in Colombo on November 28 but between Plymouth and *Gibraltar* she had to look after the dredger *Dunstan*, which could not steam more than three to four knots an hour. It took about seven days to get to Coruna. At *Gibraltar* the ship had to leave Engineer-Lieut. Johnson behind, as he was suffering from appendicitis, which developed somewhere off Lisbon. He was intending to join the *Newcastle*, and will now do so later. A week last Saturday the ship called in at Aden for a few hours and dropped two officers for another ship. She also brought to Colombo a number of marines and men for various ships out East, who when aboard the *Alert* this afternoon preparatory to joining their respective ships.

Aboard the *Gibraltar* are about 90 to 100 men for the sloop *Eagle*, who will leave her at Aden on the way back to England. The men for the *Newcastle* will change ships on Thursday, about 320 homeward-bound men coming from that ship to the *Gibraltar*. It is expected that the *Gibraltar* will sail on Saturday for Aden and the *Newcastle* on Sunday for the China Station.

## SIBERIAN MAIL.

#### Fastest Peking Service.

Since the opening of the Tientsin-Pukow railway the letters from Peking travel by that line. In fact letters are arriving from the capital in Shanghai every morning, and there has been great improvement in the service since the mails were transferred from the steamer to the train. This applies only to letters; parcels come by steamer. For the information of the general public, pamphlets have just been issued in which it is pointed out that mails close daily, from nine o'clock in the evening, for despatch by the night train to Nanking connecting with the northern train leaving Pukow every day at 9.15 a.m.

This train arrives at Suchowfu at 7.45 the same evening, at Tientsin at 5.45 the following morning and at Peking at 3.38 p.m. on the third day. It will be seen from this that letters can be received in Peking within the four days.

#### Fast Through Trains.

Through trains leave Pukow for Tientsin twice a week on Mondays and Fridays at 8.20 a.m., arriving at Tientsin on Tuesdays and Saturdays respectively at 10.33 a.m. Letters posted at the Shanghai Head Office before nine o'clock in the evening on Sundays and Thursdays will thus reach Tientsin on Tuesday and Sunday mornings respectively—thirty-eight hours only being occupied on the journey. Therefore in the light of these facts, as was pointed out by Mr. Tollefsen, the head of the Chinese Post Office at Shanghai, there is no possible reason for delay—except in the event of a collision!

When the mails were received by sea before the opening of the line, they were very often late owing to the weather, and especially was this so during the winter months. Mr. Tollefsen instances a case in which the mails were delayed ten days during the winter, but he assured the public, through the medium of the "China Press," that they need no longer fear belated mails either in Shanghai or Peking. The railway which is working smoothly has obviated this.

When asked regarding the Siberian mail, Mr. Tollefsen made a very important announcement which is sure to come as a boon to Shanghai business men, if the arrangements now in progress in the north come to fruition. It is well-known that the mails from Europe are received three times a week in the north, but that owing to the steamship service from Dalny they are only received twice a week in Shanghai.

#### Third Mail Plan.

It would not be to the advantage of the business people of Shanghai under ordinary circumstances, to insist that their letters go to the North by rail through Nanking, for by this method it would occupy four days before they could connect with the European express trains. Under the present circumstances the boats arrive at Dalny in two days, thus securing a saving of time over the train service.

Mr. Tollefsen said he could not say at present how the train was going to cut out the steamer in this respect, but he put forward a suggestion which is being considered in the north—that of a third mail day for Shanghai. This it is intended shall arrive on Thursday—and by train. There is no mail on Thursday, and it is thought that by utilizing the railway, the people of Shanghai will have delivered them the third mail from Europe, which has to wait for the boat before being transmitted.

Further, it is suggested that there be a third mail from Shanghai leaving on Thursday via Nanking connecting with the Moscow express the following Monday. These matters are not yet definitely decided, but there is reason to hope that they will be decided in a way favourable to the third mail plan.

## THE BOOK WORLD.

#### A Volume on Siberia.

Travel-books nowadays are so often written by ignorant and pretentious sciolists that it is a relief to come across one informed with common sense and something of political philosophy, says the "Manchester Guardian." Mr. M. P. Price went to Siberia with an open mind, unclouded by prejudice and an eye keenly alive to the significance of economic phenomena. Consequently he has given us a valuable book which throws new light upon the problems of modern Russia, does much to lift the veil which has hitherto shrouded Central Asia from Europe, and is full of material and advice of service to business men on the look-out for new markets. Siberia in the popular imagination of the West figures as a vast *ergastulum* in which hardened criminals and revolutionary martyrs toiled by side. But the Russian myth created by the sensationalists is gradually melting away in the light of simple facts. Mr. Stephen Graham's sympathetic studies of moujik life did much to dispel the idea of a suffering and besotted peasantry. Mr. Price follows him up by proving that Siberia is one of the happiest and most prosperous parts of the Russian Empire. His book falls into two halves, the first occupied with an account of his personal experiences and impressions and the second with a historical and economic essay on the development, the present condition, and the future prospects of the Siberian continent. Hampered though it be at present by a rudimentary transport system and by the bureaucratic machine working clumsily and often ineffectively from St. Petersburg, Siberia will undoubtedly in time become one of the most economic bases of the world's production. It possesses illimitable forests, at present untouched, enormous stretches of virgin black soil only just beginning to be brought into cultivation, and vast steppes for the rearing of sheep and cattle, to say nothing of its coal mines, its iron, and its gold. Once the transport problem is solved, development will come quickly, and we shall probably witness a rapid economic growth in Central Asia comparable with that of North America. The question is how far this growth will be on Russian and how far on cosmopolitan lines. At present the village commune is strong in Siberia, which indeed could hardly have been colonised successfully without it. But the mir is breaking down in Europe, and if the Government extends its new land policy to Asia, Siberia will soon follow suit.

Moreover, in other directions also Siberia seems to be assimilating to what we call a new country or colony. She is becoming self-conscious, impatient of the central control, and Mr. Price even heard talk of "Siberia for the Siberians." Siberia's real danger in the future is the proximity of China, and an interesting chapter at the end of the book is devoted to Mongolia. The Siberians, like the Americans and the Australians, are haunted by the dread of yellow immigration. The writer indeed, was told by a Russian who travelled on the Amur some years back that Siberia was already being overrun by Celestials against whom the inhabitants were economically no match, and that the Trans-Siberian Railway, instead of opening up Asia to Europe, was in effect doing exactly the reverse. In the southwest area visited by Mr. Price there does not seem to be any definite sign of a Chinese invasion at present, but the more than once shows himself keenly conscious of future dangers in this direction. But lack of space forbids us to discuss this and other problems raised by Mr. Price's fascinating book. We hope he will now visit Northern and Eastern Siberia and give us more experiences and general ideas.



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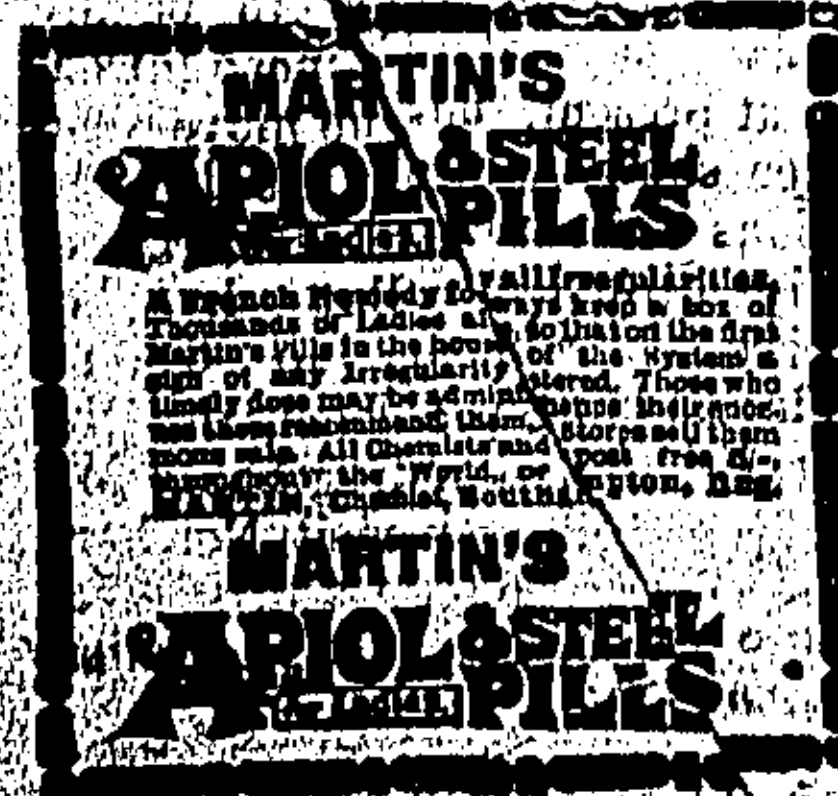


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phenomenal rise in the price of  
rice has entailed widespread  
suffering among the masses and  
a long sustained press polemic  
on the subject of ameliorative  
measures. In private life direct  
remedies are generally more  
popular than indirect ones,  
wherever possible; but the  
statesman appears to have  
studied political economy to such  
purpose that the most obvious  
remedy for a given evil eludes his  
notice. In the case of dear food,  
if the difficulty were in any way  
due to a fundamental dearth of  
the world's food supply, with no  
prospect of expanding the same  
to meet the world's demand, the  
situation of governments would  
be deserving of the sincerest  
sympathy. But the facts are quite  
otherwise.

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nations could be persuaded to  
adopt universal free trade and  
individuals to make the most of  
their natural resources, the pro-  
blem of the cost of living would  
speedily solve itself.

*Daily Press.*

**Hongkong's Wireless Station.**

The announcement made by  
H.E. the Governor in the Legis-  
lative Council on Thursday on  
the subject of the provision of a  
wireless telegraph installation in  
Hongkong, though perhaps not as  
satisfactory as could be wished,  
is very welcome. A decision  
has, at last, been reached to  
provide in this great shipping  
port a means of communicating  
with ships at sea which it ought  
to have possessed long ago. More  
than one enterprising firm,  
we believe, was prepared to  
make the installation, confident  
that it would prove a remunera-  
tive enterprise, but although an  
Ordinance was passed in 1903  
which empowered the Governor  
to licence the establishment and  
use within the Colony of installa-  
tions for the purpose of wireless  
telegraphy, the Ordinance in fact  
proved to be one for the suppres-  
sion of private initiative in this mat-  
ter. When an application was made  
in 1909 for a licence the firm was  
officially informed that such appli-  
cations were subject to the approval  
of the Secretary of State for  
the Colonies. We are not inclined  
to condemn the policy of making  
wireless communication a  
Government monopoly; our com-  
plaint is simply that the Imperial  
Government has kept the Colony  
for so many years without this  
important means of communica-  
tion, and now that a decision has  
been at last reached on the sub-  
ject, it falls very much short of  
what the local needs demand in  
the judgment of those who have  
considered the subject.

*China Mail.*

**The "Bridgeman Incident".**

To us it seems somewhat  
strange that his Lordship was  
allowed to make his statement in  
such a manner, but perhaps by  
now special privileges are allowed  
to such as he. Without quoting  
the statement made by Lord  
Beresford—(and we refrain from  
doing so because further publicity  
would merely make the worthy  
Peer more ridiculous than he  
made himself)—we would merely  
state that to the absurd state-  
ments foolishly brought against  
him, Mr. Churchill was able  
easily to refute them. The pity  
is that the brilliant young First  
Lord took the trouble to reply  
"rather heatedly" to his op-  
ponent. Mr. Churchill would  
have done better to have met  
Lord Beresford's bludgeon  
strokes with a few rapier thrusts.  
They would have been enjoyed;  
besides, Lord Charles ought not  
to be allowed to deceive himself  
that he alone affords humour to  
the House! The peculiar part  
about the worthy Peer's humour  
is that it is of the unconscious  
kind—he being funniest when he  
is most pompous and pigheaded.

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## GENERAL NEWS.

Well-known Tokyo Lecturer's Death.

His death took place on December 1, in Tokio of Dr. Augustus Wood, lecturer in English literature at the Higher Normal School.

## General Li Yuan-hung.

Chinese newspapers state that General Li Yuan-hung will go to Peking at the end of this year to confer with President Yuan Shih-kai on the Mongolian question.

## The Shanghai Gold-workers' Strike.

It is understood that the strike of the gold workers in the French Concession is showing signs of collapsing. Many of the men employed in the smaller shops have now returned to work, although a number of the others are still prolonging the strike.

Curing Opium. A doctor at Wuchang, Hubei, has opened a Refuge for opium addicts.

Patients will be treated on the same terms as required to pay to do people of poor people 200 cash for the supply of 50 cash for this Refuge. General Li Yuan-hung and the Civil Servant at the instance of President Shih-kai, have jointly issued a proclamation exhorting the people to cease smoking opium.

## Opium Pill from Pipes.

At Shanghai last week, three men were charged with manufacturing and selling pills containing opium. Det. Sup. Inspector B. Cho stated that he visited the defendant's premises and found one of the men in the back room making the pills, and the other two in the shop where the pills were on sale. The opium was obtained by breaking up and boiling old opium pipes. They advertised that those who used the pills would rid themselves of the craving for opium and would become healthy and strong. The case was adjourned for an analysis of the pills to be made.

## Moon and Thunderstorms.

Lecturing on "The Moon" at Queen's College, London, Professor E. A. Gregory said investigations had shown that air-tides were produced by the moon, but they only caused a difference of one-fiftieth of an inch in the height of the mercury in a barometer, and were of no value in practical weather-forecasting. Systematic inquiries had failed to reveal any useful rule connecting the moon with the weather. Meteorologists in many countries had, however, shown that there were more thunderstorms during the first half of a lunar month than at the period of the full and waning moon. But this was of no assistance in predicting the occurrence of individual storms.

## The First Part-song.

Two musical compositions of high antiquity—as "antiquity" goes in the history of music—are reported to have been discovered by a Norwegian historian, according to the Norwegian Handelsblad. One, a congratulatory song on King Magnus's marriage with the Scottish Princess Margaret, dates, if authentic, from the year 1281. The other, a Latin hymn in two parts, is considered to have been composed at a monastery in the Orkney Islands early in the twelfth century. If this assumption is correct, the hymn is the oldest example we have of harmony (as opposed to one-part melodic) music, being a century older than the famous Reading monastery round "Summer is a coming in."

## The Shanghai Arsenal.

Director Chen, of the Shanghai Arsenal, has introduced many reforms in the working system of the different departments. He has obtained funds from Nanking and elsewhere for the liquidation of the arrears of workmen's wages. He is now said to have calculated that a sum of \$10,000 is still required to meet the expenditure of the Arsenal if it is kept in working up to December 15, after which a New Year vacation of three months' duration is to take place. He has telegraphed to the Ministry of War in Peking asking for instructions as to whether or not the Arsenal should work up to that date only, or whether the vacation is to begin on a later date. In the former case, he asks for a grant of \$10,000 to cover the deficiency as estimated by him; but in the latter still more money will be required.—Chinese Press.

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## KEROSENE OIL.

Prices in South China have been low in comparison with previous years, undoubtedly due to the severe competition between the two importing Companies, and also to an extent to the high Exchange prevailing. During the last three months there has, however, been a small advance, which can be accounted for in the enormous increase in freight rates in the United States, which are now about 70 per cent. higher than a year ago, with prospects of still further advances in freights. The consumption of oil is about the same as during 1911—but about 20 per cent. less than 1910, which was the largest year. Notwithstanding the reduced buying power of the natives consequent upon the unsettled conditions in the interior, the first six months of 1912 compared very favourably with a similar period of 1911, but the last six months have not been up to expectations, and this is undoubtedly due to the stringency of the money market in the interior, and the difficulty of transportation by means of native junks on account of piracy, etc. The forcing of unredeemable paper money upon dealers in the Canton territory has seriously affected the kerosene trade. Should conditions improve it is anticipated the year 1913 will show an improvement of 25-40 per cent. over 1912.

## American Budget Estimate.

A Washington telegram received in Japan says that the Budget estimate introduced in Congress by the American Government puts the total outlay for the next fiscal year at \$823,000,000. The estimate for the Navy totals \$154,000,000, the sum including the cost of construction of three battleships. The coast defence expense is estimated at \$68,000,000 for Panama, \$1,000,000 for the Philippines, and \$70,000 for Hawaii.

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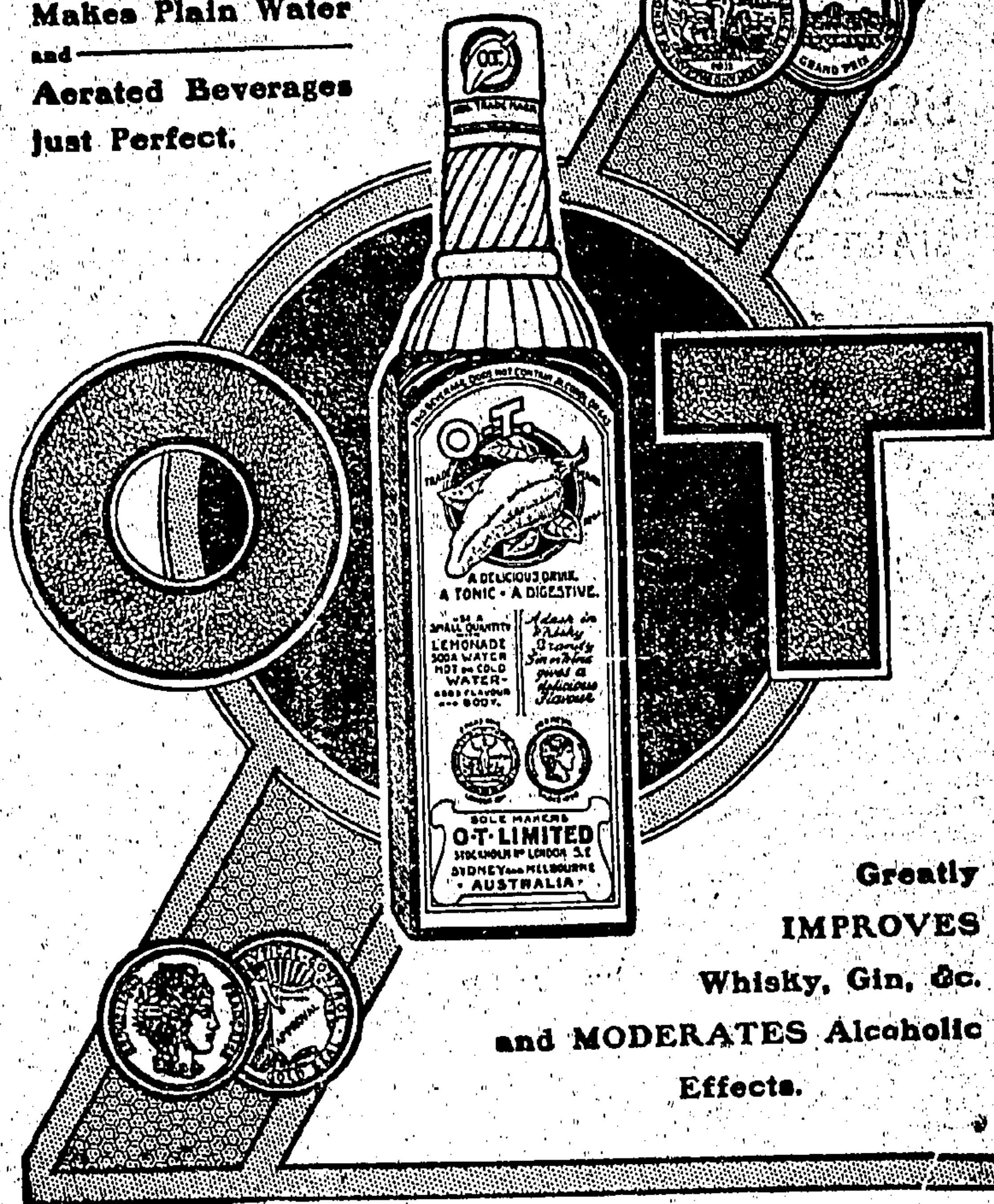
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### A SEASONABLE HOMILY.

Christmas is nearly come again, and exiles in the Orient welcome it none the less gladly that they are far from Home and what they know as Christmas weather. Not for us here is there snow-clothing in the cloths of valleys and white-capped hills rearing their heads—serene, austere and pure. These things are become only a precious memory; most precious, perhaps, at this glad season of the year. For the Britisher abroad, Christmas is perhaps a season less of actual and active enjoyment (though that figures considerably) than of remembrance. Old faces, events and stories come back to him, more acutely memorable on this than on other days. Their coming may leave him a little regretful, if only because he cannot feel the whipping rigour of the air at Home on this day, because he misses the sight of a landscape swooning in frost, because (should he come from the North) he misses the ululation of a bagpipe playing an air joyous on Christmas morning—for these, or for reasons more sacredly intimate, most of our reflections are tinged with regret and longing at this season. It is well that this should be so; for Christmas regret is never bitter. It is no incubus (as at other times) but a stimulus. Old faces, hopes, resolves come, ghost-like from the past, not to upbraid, but to cheer us. We may have failed to make a great accomplishment, as we once hoped to do, but they tell us that life is still before us with the same qualities as before—the sweetness, the affection, the passion, the longing, the divine despair, the valour and the faith. So, even for those who do not consciously lay any great religious stress on the day, Christmas is a time of self-inspection, of a quickened spirit, of brave resolves.

It is a time, too, when barriers, of whatever kind, between man and man, are broken down. When men wish each other "a Merry Christmas," they mean it; they have, for the time being, drawn nearer to each other, have become members of one great family. "A time of giving and of gratitude," we saw it termed a year ago. But is gratitude quite the word? Are we not in danger of making a virtue of gratitude which is, as often as not, a lively sense of favours to come? Children know nothing, until they are taught, of mere gratitude. They have something better—love, affection, thankfulness, flowing from them vaguely. A father does not look for what we term gratitude when he gives to his children. He receives more than that. And we should like to think that the family spirit obtains in the kindnesses and benefactions of Christmas Day, that gratitude is not expected nor offered, that men give and receive not because they are conscious of benefits bestowed and accepted, but simply from a warm sense of affection. It may be merely a fleeting sense, which rises to the surface only once a year; but that it finds vent at all, during this brief season, is proof of the inherent and unquenchable goodness of man. Man seldom knows man. He may know much, but there are vital things and paramount in the other's life, which he cannot know. But on this one day they come nearest to knowing each other closely. That is the real spirit of Christmas—the spirit of brotherhood—and we end on that note by wishing our readers

A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

### The Attempt on the Viceroy.

The outrage on the Viceroy of India, reported in our telegram columns is one of those unhappy acts which one would only too gladly attribute to a madman, but the supplementary message, which states that "several arrests have been made," more inclines us to think that some political malcontent is to blame. Whether the culprit was mad or bad, the circumstance helps to illustrate the fact that we have not seen the end—mayhap we are only experiencing the beginning—of our trouble with India. Indians read the London Socialist newspapers; and there are times when labour leaders go out of their way to sow discontent deliberately among them—the harvest reaped wherefrom is the murder of Sir Curzon Wylie or yesterday's attempt on Viscount Hardinge. What else could we expect?

### Christmas Madness.

The ways of those foolish women dubbed Suffragists are in all conscience past understanding. We have before commented on numerous of their acts of wanton folly, but we venture to think that their latest escapade is more atrocious and abominable, in many respects, than any of their previous actions. Taking advantage of the heavy Christmas mails, they again raided London pillar-boxes and damaged hundreds of Christmas cards and letters. What earthly use these fanatical creatures imagine they are serving by acts such as these, it is indeed hard to see. We should have thought that women were sentimental enough to realise that Christmas is a time of goodwill, and that Christmas cards and letters bring happiness and cheer into a sphere that should be particularly theirs—the home. But what care the Suffragists for the happiness of little children or of others of their fellow-creatures? Apart altogether from the abominable nature of such an act, cannot these madcaps see its shortsightedness? Maybe they are, by such an insane proceeding, injuring their own sympathisers, and thus instead of helping forward "the cause," they are merely very successfully retarding it. But logic makes no appeal to these poor folk obsessed with one solitary idea. That is quite obvious.

### A Christmas Greeting.

Still, we in Hongkong are far enough removed from Suffragists and other ill-balanced people to regard them with something like indifference. To-morrow is Christmas Day, and this is a season too greatly charged with happiness for us to dwell long on such unhappy matters. Let us give our readers a Christmas sentiment from the poems of Robert Burns who, writing to a friend of his, and a violinist, said:—  
Come wealth, come poverty,  
Late or soon,  
Heaven send your heartstrings  
Aye in tune,  
And screw your temper-pins  
A fift or six,  
The cranky, melancholious  
Tune,  
O' carking care."

### DEATH OF CAPTAIN McGINTY.

Yesterday the death took place of a skipper who was known in Hongkong for many years, in the person of Capt McGinty. The deceased gentleman, who was aged about fifty, was for many years in command of the S.S. Sancheung a position which he held until a few months ago, when that boat was sold. Latterly he held a berth on one of Messrs Douglas Lapraik's boats which he left shortly before his death to become chief mate on the On Lee. About two weeks ago he was removed to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from dysentery from which he died.

The funeral will take place to-day at the Happy Valley, the cortege passing the monument at 5 p.m. The deceased gentleman possessed one of those generous natures which never fail to make friends, and his death will be mourned by many who had for him more than an ordinary friendship and who admired the rugged strength of his character, his unfailing geniality and kindness.

### DAY BY DAY.

Precedents are only useful for keeping people from going forward.

A Biting Morning.  
The thermometer at the Peak, at 8 a.m. to-day registered 44.

The Haitian.  
The Doula steamer Haitian goes into dock on Saturday for her annual survey.

Returned.  
Among the passengers who arrived from the North to-day by the Lustow was Mr. Henry Humphreys, from Shanghai.

Organ Recital.  
On January 3, Mr. Denman Fuller the Cathedral organist will give another of his monthly organ recitals in St. John's Cathedral. The vocalist will be Mrs. Gask.

Costly Swords.  
A man from Hung Hom, who was found by Inspector O'Sullivan in possession of two swords without a licence was, at the Police Court, this morning, fined \$150 or in default six weeks.

The Cocaine Case.  
Next Tuesday at 2.15 p.m. has been fixed by Mr. Hazeland, for his decision in the case in which a Chinese is charged with being in unlawful possession of 1000 ounces of cocaine.

Obstruction.  
Eight Chinese were fined \$3 each by Mr. Hazeland, at the Police Court, this morning, for causing an obstruction by keeping their shutters outside their shops, at West Point.

"The Court Cards."  
We learn that His Excellency the Governor has given his patronage to "The Court Cards," entertainers, and hopes to attend one of the performances, which commence here on December 31st.

The Patria.  
At noon to-day, Mr. Leiria, the Portuguese Consul paid an official visit to the Commander of the Portuguese gunboat "Patria." Mr. Leiria is giving a dinner on Saturday night to the officers of the "Patria."

Booking Facilities.  
We have been requested to state that for the convenience of those who wish to book seats for the opening performance of the Ferris Hartmann Company on Boxing Night, Messrs Moutrie and Co. have arranged to have a booking office opened at the City Hall from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday.

Bishop of Victoria's Engagements.

The Bishop of Victoria's Engagements for Christmas Day are as follow:—7.45 a.m. Celebrate at the Holy Communion at the Cathedral; at Noon preach and Celebrate at St. Stephens Chinese Church; in the afternoon preside over a meeting of St. Paul's Chinese congregation, and in the evening visit the Christmas Party for Sailors at the Seimens Institute.

Unlawful Possession.  
At the Police Court, this morning, Mr. Hazeland gave his decision in the case from West Point, in which a Chinese was charged with being in unlawful possession of ten bags of rice valued at \$80. His Worship found the man guilty and fined him \$100 or in default two months' imprisonment.

### Case Adjourned.

This morning in the Summary Court the case was to have come before Mr. Justice H. H. J. Gompertz, Puisne Judge, in which The Che Cheong Co. Ltd., 59 Bonham Strand, sued Tsang Taz Hi of 15 Hillier Street to recover the sum \$887.96 alleged to be money due by the defendant to the plaintiff on an account delivered on Sept. 6, 1910. The case was adjourned.

### Bijou Theatre.

No one need goshort of a good laugh while "The Follies" are giving their performance at the Bijou. The responsible—or irresponsible—dramatis personae are Mr. Bob Stephenson, Miss Ada Bowley, Miss Dolly Swift and Miss Gladys Spencer, and between them they are serving a dish of rollicking fun such as we have not seen for a good while. The ladies are got up in pretty pierrot costumes and do some most amusing variety turns. Mr. Stephenson makes an excellent pierrot, and his witticisms all have a fine topical and local flavour. The man who wants to forget his Christmas bills for half an hour should go and listen to the funny footloeries of "The Follies."

### PHILIPPINES

### TELEGRAPHS

Interesting Review with Superintendent

Mr. R.P. Wheat, Kentucky, but many years Superintendent of Telegraphs in the Philippines, arrived in the colony.

Mr. Wheat, when met by a representative of the Hongkong "Telegraph" to-day, stated that he had been on a tour of inspection of the telegraph systems of the world. He was glad to say that in comparison with the great systems, such as the American, and the English methods, the one that is now in operation in Manila, and among the islands, is an exceedingly good one.

Thirty-two Cables.  
Mr. Wheat stated that there are already thirty-two cables among the Philippine Islands, and six wireless stations.

"Eventually"—indeed in a very short time—the world will be circled by Radio-telegraphy, station connecting with station, thus linking up a system whose usefulness is inestimable.

Mr. Wheat went on to praise the new Federal law in the United States, by which the entire control of wireless work is taken over by the Federal Government at Washington. Mr. Wheat proceeded to say that four hundred wireless-equipped American ships, nearly one hundred wireless commercial stations, many more stations that are connected with schools, colleges and experimental laboratories, and several thousands of amateur stations, are affected by the regulations which have been promulgated by acting Secretary Cable, of the Department of Commerce and Labour, and by the Act that went into force on December thirteenth. This act, our informant states, establishes a complete Federal control system over radio-communication, and requires the licensing of all wireless operators working across States lines, or communicating with ships at sea.

### Enforcing the Act.

The Department will enforce the act through Inspectors at New York, Baltimore, New Orleans and San Francisco, with additional inspectors at Boston, Chicago, Savannah, Seattle, and Cleveland. The United States has been divided into nine wireless districts, with headquarters in the cities named.

The circular that embodies the regulations, Mr. Wheat said, announces the eligibility of women as well as men as operators, and that applications for licenses for ships stations must be sent to the department's radio inspector at the port of departure.

Mr. Wheat continued that the licensing of the Great Lakes ships will not be undertaken until spring, and that licenses for coast stations will be issued by the Commissioner at Washington. Examinations as to efficiency and capability will be held at all navy yards, naval stations, certain army posts and the naval academy. Amateur stations are restricted in their wave lengths of transmission, and must not exceed 200 meters, except by special permission.

### Amateurs kept in Check.

Mr. Wheat added that the Department recognizes that radio-communication offers a wholesome form of instruction for amateurs, but it will not license an amateur who does not recognize the rights of others to the uninterrupted use of the apparatus for important public, commercial and safety purposes.

Mr. Wheat said that the Western Union Company's new classification of telegraph messages was an astonishingly successful one. The "Day" message, at regular rates, is called a "Black," the "Day Letter," at reduced rates is known as a "Blue," the night message, at night rates, is a "Red," and the Night Letter, is an "N.L."

Why write letters? Mr. Wheat asked with a laugh, "when 50 words go after 8 p.m. as cheaply as 10 words during the day?"

The "deferred" cable system is rapidly becoming popular, for those who are not in too great a hurry, Mr. Wheat added.

Mr. Wheat is staying at the Hongkong Hotel, and expresses himself as having greatly enjoyed his visit to the colony.

### FORGED NOTE HAUL.

Six Japanese appear at the Court.

Mr. Bowley, of Messrs Denny and Bowley, appeared to prosecute and Mr. F. O. Mason, of Messrs Wilkinson and Grist, defended the whole of the defendants.

Plea of not Guilty.  
Mr. Bowley:—I apply for a remand, your Worship?

His Worship:—How many have you got?

Mr. Bowley:—Six.

His Worship:—You appear for the prosecution Mr. Bowley?—

Yes.

Mr. Mason:—I am for the defendants, Your Worship.

His Worship:—Do you plead not guilty?

Mr. Mason:—Not guilty, your Worship.

His Worship (to the interpreter): Tell them to plead not guilty.

Mr. Bowley:—They must plead as defendants.

His Worship:—I was only telling them what Mr. Mason said—the solicitor advised them to plead not guilty.

Mr. Bowley:—He (the interpreter) must read the charge to them.

His Worship:—Yes, but I was only advising them what the solicitor said.

Number Five Pleaded Guilty.  
The Interpreter:—Number five pleads guilty.

His Worship:—Well, Mr. Mason, number five pleads guilty. I have said, Mr. Mason, that you advised them to plead not guilty. I will have to take that plea from number five.

Mr. Mason:—Very well, your Worship.

Mr. Bowley:—I ask your Worship to grant a formal remand for a week, then a further remand.

His Worship:—What day will suit you—next Tuesday the 31st?

Mr. Bowley:—Has your Worship Monday afternoon free—the 30th?

His Worship:—I had a case fixed but luckily the solicitors thought they would like a holiday (laughter).

Case Remanded.  
Mr. Bowley:—Will you Worship remand this case until that afternoon in view of the possibility of it being thought advisable to take some evidence on that occasion?

His Worship:—Yes, but don't let me waste an afternoon. Will you let me know as soon as possible if you don't want it?

Mr. Bowley:—We will attend before your Worship at 2.15 p.m. and, if I am not going on, I will let your Worship know before-hand.

His Worship:—In that case can't I fix 10 a.m. on Monday? I will give you 2.15 on Monday just the same.

Mr. Bowley:—It would be much more convenient if your Worship fixed it for 2.15 and, if it is not going on, your Worship will be free at 2.30.

His Worship:—What about 2.15 on Monday the 30th?

Mr. Mason:—That will be convenient to me, your Worship. Will your Worship grant bail?

Mr. Bowley:—I must object to bail being granted. Although not shown in the charge the face value of the documents seized is over five hundred thousand dollars, so I must object to bail in this case.

His Worship:—Well Mr. Mason what do you propose, you see the face value.

Mr. Mason:—The sixth defendant is resident in Hongkong and will probably find substantial bail.

His Worship:—What about the sixth defendant, Mr. Bowley?

He is described here as of Queen's Road, a photographer. What about bail?

Mr. Bowley:—He may be a resident at present, but he is not a native of the Colony. I think the same objection applies to him as to the others in a case of this sort. I don't think your Worship should grant bail at this stage of the case.

His Worship:—I think Mr. Mason you had better make another application, at 2.15 on Monday the 30th.

### CHRISTMAS SERVICES.

German Chorus (Deutsche Kapelle) No. 1 High street:—

24. December:—Christnachtfeier 5 p.m.; darauf Bescherung im Finkelhaus.

25. December:—Erster Weihnachtstag: Festgottesdienst

26. December:—Gottesdienst

27. December:—Neujahrsgottesdienst 11 a.m.

St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong:—Christmas Day 1912; Holy Communion 4.5 a.m.; Matins (11 a.m.) (Choir); Responses: Festival; Venite; Credo; Psalms: Special; Hymns; Te Deum: Stanford in flat; Jubilate: Ayrton in E. A.m.; "Sing O daughter of Zion" Gadsby; Holy Communion (4.5 a.m.); Kyrie: Adlam is.

Hymns: 60, 62, 59; Garrison Divine Service; Divine Service will be conducted on Christmas Day, as follows:—

Church of England Victoria Cathedral 11 a.m. Offg. Clergyman.

Church of England Detention Barrack Detention Barrack 12 noon, Chaplain, R.N. Church of England Stonecutters Barracks, Under Orders, Senior Officer.

Church of England Military Hospital Bowen Road, 6 p.m., Chaplain. Church of England Lyseum Barracks Under Orders, Senior Officer.

Church of England Kowloon St. Andrew's Church 10 a.m. Offg. Clergyman.

Church of England Mount Austin Barracks, Under Order, Senior Officer.

Church of England San Wai Camp, Chaplain. Baptist Victoria, Union Church 10 a.m., Offg. Clergyman.

Congregationalist Victoria Union Church, 10 a.m., Offg. Clergyman.

Presbyterian Victoria, Union Church, 10 a.m., Offg. Clergyman.

Wesleyan Victoria Wesleyan Church, 10.15 a.m. Offg. Clergyman.

Wesleyan Mount Austin, Mount Austin, 10 a.m., Offg. Clergyman.

Roman Catholic Victoria, St. Joseph's Church, 10 a.m., Offg. Clergyman.

Roman Catholic Kowloon, Rosary Church, 9 a.m., Offg. Clergyman.

Union Church.

The short special service in Union Church, Kennedy Road, on Christmas morning will commence at 10 o'clock.

Catholic Cathedral.

At the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, the Feast of Christmas will commence at 10 o'clock to-night, when the Office of Matins will be sung in Choir, followed by the Te Deum which will be intoned by the Right Rev. the Bishop. Pontifical High Mass will then be celebrated, the musical portions being given by the choir of St. Joseph's College assisted by well-known local amateurs. To-morrow High Mass will be sung at 8 a.m.

Land Sale.

Yesterday Inland Lot 1638, below Kennedy Road was sold at the Public Works Department to Kok Shuting for \$2,360. The upset price was \$1,496.

"Chinese Christmas."

Sunday was the Festival of the Winter Solstice, and was generally celebrated among the Chinese community. This day is known among local Chinese as "Chinese Christmas."

A New Enterprise.

It is reported that the Germans at Tsingtau intend to open iron works in which Chinese capital will be allowed to participate. It is proposed to start upon a large scale, with a capital of ten million dollars, to work the iron coming from Chinglingchen, which is near the Shantung Railway.

Outbreak of Fire.

A fire broke out in a cookhouse at 183, Queen's Road West, last night, caused by the overheating of some firewood. The damage caused was slight and the flames were extinguished by the inmates. The fire brigade turned out, but their services were not required.



## SPECIAL CABLES.

HONGKONG UNIVERSITY.  
SIR CHARLES ELIOT AT  
SHANGHAI.

[Our Own Correspondent.]

Shanghai, December 24.  
A big assembly of prominent Chinese, together with a few foreigners, gave a reception to Sir Charles Eliot, Principal of the Hongkong University, at the International Institute last evening.

Sir Charles undoubtedly created an impression on the Chinese by his statement of the policy of the University.

UNDESIRABLE  
SENTENCED.

Found Guilty on a Grave Charge.

At the Police Court, this morning, Mr. Hazeland had before him Carl Boor Rickards, who was charged on remand with sending on December 17th a letter demanding money with menaces to Olio Hales; secondly with living wholly, or partly, on the proceeds of prostitution between August 19th and December 17th; thirdly with assaulting the complainant, Olio Hales, on December 17th.

The defendant at the last hearing pleaded not guilty to the three charges.

Sergeant Terrett now stated that the defendant wished to alter his original plea.

His Worship:—Do you want to alter your plea of not guilty?

Defendant:—Yes, sir.

His Worship:—To what?

Defendant:—I want to plead guilty to the second charge, sir.

Sergeant Terrett said that the O.S.P. was prepared to allow of an application being made to his Worship to withdraw the other two charges. He now asked his Worship to inflict a sufficient penalty to get a deportation order under the section under which the defendant was charged.

His Worship:—He must be imprisoned.

Sergeant Terrett:—Yes, I think fourteen days would suffice under the Ordinance.

His Worship:—The others you are prepared to withdraw?—Yes.

The O.S.P. said he would be satisfied with fourteen days.

Defendant was sentenced to fourteen days' hard labour.

## CALENDARS.

From Messrs. Garner, Quelch and Co. we have received a batch of useful articles advertising liquors for which they are agents. These include a well-finished gun metal cigarette case issued by Messrs. Denis, Moune, and Co., whose cognacs are world-famed; a useful leather matchbox case for the pocket, advertising Gordon's London Dry Gin, as well as a diary sent out by the same house; and an imposing office changeable calendar setting forth the merits of Buchanan's "Black and White" Whisky.

Messrs. Siemssen & Co. send us a pretty calendar and blotter, issued by the Sun Fire office, London, while from Messrs. E. D. Sassoon & Co. comes an attractive calendar issued by the Queen (now merged in the Royal). Insurance Company Ltd.

## THE CLEVELAND.

The Hamburg-American Liner "Cleveland" arrived in the harbour this afternoon, on her cruise round the world with 550 tourists.

This is the big ship's third voyage of this kind, and she has the reputation of having paid the largest tolls for passing through the Suez Canal, of any passenger ship afloat.

The Cleveland is to remain in harbour until the morning of the 27th. Excursions have been arranged to Macao and Canton and in the old city every arrangement has been made to ensure their safety and comfort.

## Removed to Hospital.

A youth aged 17 years, living in Wellington Street, has been removed to the hospital suffering from injuries said to be received through falling in jumping off a tramcar whilst in motion, in Des Vaux Road Central.

## THE BOYCOTT.

As so to be expected, there is a considerable falling off to-day in the number of passengers by tramcar now that the period of free rides has expired. It is encouraging to notice, however, that not a few Chinese of all classes are to be seen riding. There has been no further talk of violence and it is tolerably clear that those who, at the beginning, sought to terrorise publicly have thought better of it. Doubtless there is still a good deal of secret intimidation going on for which not only guilds but private individuals are to blame, but as the Chinese begin to realise that most of this sort of thing really consists of empty threats which the intimidators dare not perform, they will gradually come to estimate the ringleaders at a just valuation. This, at least, is the view taken by many of the loyal Chinese.

## The Sze Yup.

We learn that, yesterday, some Sze Yup members sought an interview with the Registrar-General, with a view to holding a meeting at his office, and laying before him certain considerations. They were promptly informed that they must meet elsewhere as the R. G. could not countenance an unofficial gathering of that description.

## THE COURT CARDS.

Theatre goers will do well to secure seats at the earliest moment at Messrs. Montrie and Company's for the opening performance of the "Court Cards" on the December 31st. The "Court Cards," a talented group of entertainers, is the only company, so far, that has had the patronage and presence of Lord Hardinge as Vicarary and Governor-General of India, this honour being conferred during the Company's recent tour in the Indian Empire. We append a letter from Baron Kingsale, who was a passenger from London to Colombo on the Caledonia, and who, it will be seen, speaks in high terms of the Company. The letter is addressed "To Editors generally," and runs as follows:—

"You will doubtless be interested to hear of the safe arrival of the good ship Caledonia from London, bound for Madras and Calcutta. She has made a splendid voyage and all on board have thoroughly enjoyed the trip so far. The entertainments have been of an exceptionally high order, chiefly due to the fact that Mr. Warwick and his Company of artists, the Court Cards, have spared no pains to entertain us. These ladies and gentlemen gave us a concert on behalf of charity, and it is no exaggeration to state that they are, individually and collectively, past masters in their profession. We shall all be sorry to lose them at Colombo; however, you will be the gainers, and I hope they will meet with the reception that their ability and skill so worthily deserves."

## CLAIM FOR MONEY DUE.

A claim for \$220 being as to \$120 due under a promissory note, and as to \$100, the balance thereof for moneys paid by the plaintiff for and at the request of the defendant, to Messrs. Ewens and Harston, solicitors, occupied the attention of the Puisse Judge this morning. The plaintiff was Wong Fok Hin, broker of 37 Stanton St., and the defendant was Wong Po Luk described as unemployed, of 36 Stanton St.

Mr. J. H. Gardiner appeared for the plaintiff; the defendant was unrepresented.

Mr. Gardiner said that \$120 was due under a promissory note which was originally given to Wong Leung Cho on June 17, 1912, endorsed over to the favour of the plaintiff, while the balance of \$100 was money which the plaintiff, at the defendant's request, had paid to Messrs. Ewens and Harston, in connection with some costs in an original action which came before his Lordship some two weeks ago.

The defendant said that he owed the money to Wong Leung Cho; he did not know that the promissory note had been endorsed over.

Judgment was given for the plaintiff.

## WRESTLING.

Hertsh's Challenge Promptly Accepted.

Mr. H. Kelly, of the Grand Hotel, informs the "Telegraph" that he has been instructed on behalf of Sandberg, of the United States, who has been residing in the Colony of Hongkong, to accept the challenge that appeared in last night's "Telegraph." This was issued by Hertsh of H.M.S. Otter to wrestle any welter or middle weight in the Far East catch-as-catch can, the winner to secure the best of three falls. The acceptor states that he will meet the challenger for the best purse or a side stake. All correspondence on the matter to be addressed to this paper.

## EXEMPLARY SENTENCE.

"Slave to a Foreign Power."

As a Chinese policeman in Hang Hom was walking along the road a Chinese who was with a number of others called after him. "This constable is slave enough to serve a foreign power during the boycott." He was promptly arrested and this morning he was brought before Mr. Hazeland, at the Police Court, and fined \$50 or in default two months' hard labour.

## LOCAL SPORT.

## BILLIARDS.

The semi-final in the Grand Hotel billiard handicap was played last night and resulted as follows:—Martin 250, Heathcote 231. It was the general opinion of large number of spectators that this was one of the best games of the handicap. Both made breaks of 30 and various that were well over 20. Towards the end of the game the situation became most exciting; for the scores stood at 201 all, 217 all and finally at 222 all. Mr. Heathcote then worked up to 231 leaving his opponent at 229. Then came a most sensational finish for Mr. Martin took heart of grace and went out easily in a couple of runs.

## A LOAN OF MONEY.

This morning in the Summary Court, before the Puisse Judge, Mr. Justice Gompertz, Ng Sam Nai No. 61, Wongnieichong Village, spinster, sued Ng Hung Kau trading as the Yuen Lung and the Yuen Lung Firm, No. 206 Queen's Road East, claiming the sum of \$100, being the amount lent to the defendants by the plaintiff under a Chinese borrowing note on January 18th 1912.

Mr. Jackson of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master appeared for the plaintiff and the defendants did not appear at all.

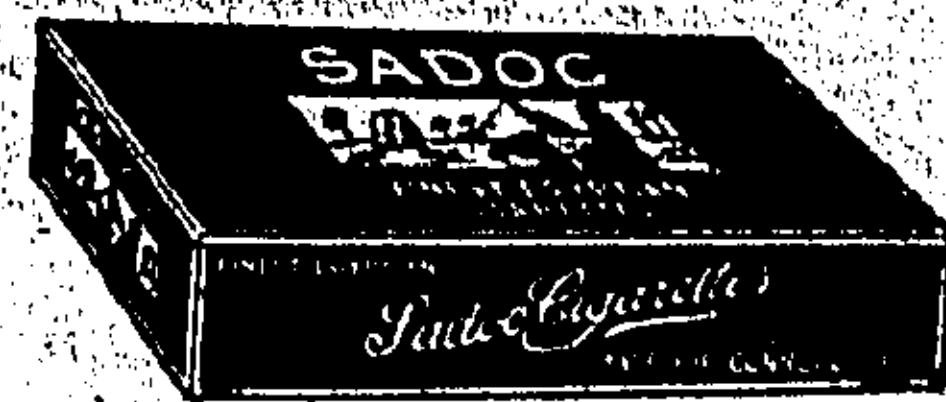
Plaintiff in the box proved the debt and said that she owed the defendant \$32.60. She added that the defendant agreed to pay her some interest, but he had not done so.

Judgment was given for the plaintiff for \$74 and costs; His Lordship allowing 10 per cent. interest.

## THE LATE MR. F. W. EDWARDS.

Many friends in all parts of China and in the Straits Settlements will hear with sorrow of the death, on the 13th inst. at the General Hospital, Shanghai, of Mr. Frederick William Edwards. Mr. Edwards, who was born in England in 1863, joined the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company in 1880, and served in Java, the Straits, India and China, being highly esteemed by the Company. For some years he had been Controller in charge of the Company's Station at Peking. Both Shanghai and Amoy knew him, but he was perhaps best known in Hongkong, where he was stationed for many years. He was a prominent Freemason and had achieved no small distinction in the craft, holding the rank of P. D. G. W. He was Past Master of Foochow, Perseverance and Telegraph Cable Lodge, No. 1470 E.C., and Past First Principal in Royal Arch Masonry. Some years ago he was Master of the Northern Lodge of China, No. 570 E.C., for a short time.

The "N. China Daily News" says that Mr. Edwards had been suffering from a tedious illness for some time. He was operated upon, but unhappily without effect, owing to his weak condition. He was universally popular and esteemed by those who knew him.

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## THE OPIUM CRISIS.

Hongkong stock "eating up interest."

Prohibition of opium trading and smoking by provincial officials of the Chinese Government, has brought to light a number of possible contingencies seriously affecting the foreign opium merchants and their vast stores of opium in Shanghai and Hongkong.

Protests from the foreign merchants have been uttered thick and fast of late, says the "China Press" and Sir Everard Fraser, the British Consul to Shanghai, has just returned from Peking where it is said that representations were made concerning the opium situation.

This visit, together with more or less indefinable rumours, has given rise to a current report of considerable insistence, that a movement is under way to bring the opium business directly under the control of the Chinese Government. The compelling motive in this, it is said, is that the stocks of opium, here are huge, that the trade is becoming more and more difficult, that the demand for opium is decreasing, and that the opium that lies in godowns, as a consequence, is eating up vast sums in interest.

Appeal to Sir John Jordan. The fact that the Hongkong opium merchants, and the British banks in Hongkong, have addressed a petition to the Governor and also to Sir John Jordan, British Minister in Peking, invoking immediate assistance in order to avert a crisis in the trade, has lent colour to reports current in Shanghai.

The crisis feared, according to the dispatch, is a wholesale repudiation of contracts by dealers, which is said to be impending, as a result of the prohibition by Chinese officials of dealing in and Hongkong opium.

It is said that the value of opium stocks in Shanghai and Hongkong is \$12,000,000. Underwriters are said to be very uneasy.

Local opium merchants, however, appear not to be greatly exercised over the matter.

RAINFALL AND  
POPULATION.

The United States owes in large measure its enormous increase in population to the variation of rainfall and the more or less exact coincidence of rainfall in America and Europe, according to Dr. Edward Bruckner of the Imperial and Royal Geographical Society of Vienna, who lectured on "Settlements in the United States as Controlled by Climate and Climatic Oscillations." Dr. Bruckner said there was a well-defined parallel to rise and fall not only in rainfall and crops, but also in the tide of emigration to this country. In the years of comparative dryness there is little, if any emigration from the countries of Western Europe, because under these conditions crops thrive, while in years of wet weather the crops are poor and there is much emigration to America, because here, when there is much rain, the crops are abundant, due chiefly to the waxiness of the climate. In

Eastern Europe conditions parallel those of America, and good crops in this country are counteracted by good crops in the home countries of those living to the east of Germany and Austria. Every thirty-five years, according to Dr. Bruckner, there is an almost perfect oscillation of humid and dry periods. In the last century, for example, there was a maximum of humid weather in the forties and a minimum in the middle sixties, with recurring maximum in the eighties with another fall. Just now we are passing into a period of much rain. The dry period, which had its greatest point in 1900, had a noticeable effect in the population of Kansas, Wyoming and Nebraska, among others of the Western States, because the normal rate of increase fell away below the average. Irrigation projects, said Dr. Bruckner, could not be undertaken at a better time than the present.

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FRED J. HATTON.

Hongkong, 24th Dec. 1912. [1002

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| 1 bottle of Brandy        | 1 bottle of Brandy          | 1 bottle of Brandy         |
| 2 bottles of Gin          | 2 bottles of Gin            | 1 pk. of Peppermint        |
| 1 bottle of Peppermint    | 1 bottle of Peppermint      | 8 qts. Whisky B & W        |
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| " ALTMARK ..... 3rd Jan.         | For Havre Bremen & Hamburg;<br>S. S. ALESIA ..... 24th Dec.            |
| " SILESIA ..... 14th Jan.        | For Rotterdam, Bremen & Hamburg;<br>S. S. BRASLIA ..... 11th Jan.      |
| " SUEVIA ..... 27th Jan.         | For Havre & Hamburg;<br>S. S. SAMBIA ..... 16th Jan.                   |
| " O. J. D. AHELS ..... 11th Feb. | For Rotterdam, Bremen & Hamburg;<br>S. S. FUETST DULOW ..... 21st Jan. |
| " SPEZIA ..... 26th Feb.         | For Havre, Bremen & Hamburg;<br>S. S. ARYENIA ..... 5th Jan.           |
| " SENEGAMBIA ..... 10th March    | For Havre & Hamburg;<br>S. S. ALTMARK ..... 5th Feb.                   |
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## LOG BOOK.

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and Foreign steamers fitted with  
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Stranded Steamer "Deike  
Rickmers."

According to the report received  
from Messrs. Simon, Evers &  
Co., Chemulpo, agents for the  
Rickmers Siberian Line, there is  
every probability, says the "Man-  
churia Daily News," that the  
stranded steamer Deike Rickmers  
will be delivered from the com-  
promising position into which  
she put herself at high water. It  
has been ascertained that she is  
resting on a sand bank and not  
in rocks, as originally supposed.  
It is surmised that she was sus-  
tained but little damage and will  
be refloated without much  
difficulty. Later intelligence says  
that the removal of the whole of  
her cargo to Onnampo for the  
purpose of lightening her and  
holisting the work of refloating  
is considered as matter of  
operative necessity, and that the  
proposed removal will cost an  
enormous sum of money.

H. A. L.'s Boston-Hamburg  
Service.

As already reported, in May,  
1913, the Hamburg-Amerika Linie  
will introduce a fortnightly  
service between Boston and Hamburg  
with the 17,000-ton, 16-knot steam-  
ers Cleveland and Cincinnati.  
In 1914 the steamers American  
(25,000 tons, 18 knots) and  
Asterion August Victorin (25,000  
tons, 18 knots) will be introduced  
to this service. Not only does  
the company propose to inaugurate  
new service between Europe  
and Boston, but according to an  
announcement by Herr Ballin,  
has decided to extend its exist-  
ing freight line of steamships be-  
tween Europe and the Far East  
the west coast of the United  
States. A monthly steamer will  
run from Hamburg via Chinese  
(Japanese ports), Vancouver,  
and Seattle (Oregon), San Fran-  
cisco, San Jose, it is  
suggested, might easily make the  
cut of the world by continuing  
voyage through the Panama  
canal home, with a return service  
following the opposite direction.

P. & O. Mails Tampered With.  
Bombay, November 21st.—The  
mail bags on the P. & O.  
"Egypt" were discovered to  
have been cut and part of the  
contents removed. The dis-  
covery was made shortly after  
leaving Suez. The third officer,  
during the sorting of the mail  
bags found that fourteen of them  
had been ripped open, and some  
of the contents removed. The  
theft is suggested to be the work  
of Arab coolies who stored in the  
bags, as several articles of value  
were scattered about the floor.  
Had they been taken by the  
thieves they might have led to  
detection. Altogether, there were  
3,000 bags on board, 2,800 for  
India. A wireless message was  
sent to Bombay and the police  
boarded the ship on arrival, but  
so far no arrests have been made.

South African Shipping Outlook.  
At a meeting on the 19th ult.  
of the principal shipowners en-  
gaged in the South African trade  
and a sub-committee of the South  
African Merchants' Committee  
the situation created by the atti-  
tude of the Union Government  
towards rebates was fully discus-  
sed. The main result of the  
conference was that the sub-  
committee of the merchants decided  
to recommend to the full com-  
mittee on Monday next that in  
place of the present system a plan  
of mutual agreement should be  
adopted. Under this arrange-  
ment, which was outlined in  
the "Times" of November  
18, the merchants would  
undertake to ship by the as-  
sociated steamship lines on a  
mutual basis, "which shall, as  
far as possible, carry out the  
desire of the Union Government  
for the maintenance of stable and  
equal freight rates." The agree-  
ments would also be signed by  
the shipowners, who would under-  
take to provide the same facilities  
as in the past. The meeting,  
which lasted for over two hours  
and a half, was remarkable for  
the strong representation of the  
shipping lines. Sir John Ellerman  
of the Ellerman Lines, pre-  
sided, and was supported by Sir  
Owen Phillips, representing the  
Union-Castle Company, Sir Char-  
les Cuyler, the head of the Glen  
Line, Mr. Edward Lloyd of Back-  
ells, Mr. F. Ward, of T. and J.

## VESSELS TAKING CARGO.

## European Ports.

| Destination.                                    | Vessel's Name. | For Freight Apply To | To be Dispatched. |
|-------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| London and Antwerp                              | Denbighshire   | J. M. & Co.          | 28 December       |
| London and Antwerp via Singapore, &c.           | Sicilia        | P. & O. Co.          | 25 Dec., about    |
| London via Usual Ports of Call                  | Delta          | P. & O. Co.          | 4 January         |
| Havre and Hamburg, &c.                          | Sambria        | H. A. L.             | 11 January        |
| do do do                                        | Altmark        | H. A. L.             | 5 February        |
| Rotterdam, Bremen and Hamburg, &c.              | Fuerst Baplow  | H. A. L.             | 24 January        |
| do do do                                        | Armenia        | H. A. L.             | 25 January        |
| Bremen and Hamburg, &c.                         | Brasilis       | H. A. L.             | 5 January         |
| Mexico, Peruvian and Chili via Japan            | Kiyo Maru      | T. K. K.             | 1 February        |
| Cape Ports via Mauritius                        | Duneric        | Bank Line            | Begin January     |
| Copenhagen and Baltic Ports                     | Canton         | A. N. & Co.          | 15 January        |
| Trieste, Fiume, Venice via Singapore, &c.       | Persia         | S. W. & Co.          | 31 Dec., about    |
| Naples, Genoa, Algiers, Gibraltar, Southampton  | Luettow        | M. & Co.             | 25 December       |
| Marseilles, London & Antwerp via Singapore, &c. | Kamo Maru      | N. Y. K.             | 1 January         |
| Trieste via Singapore, Penang & Colombo, &c.    | Koerber        | S. W. & Co.          | 19 January        |

## New York, San Francisco and Canada.

|                                               |                  |              |                 |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| New York, via Suez Canal                      | Schuykill        | Bank Line    | 30 December     |
| New York via Ports and Suez Canal             | Swazi            | S. T. & Co.  | 9 Jan., about   |
| San Francisco via Shanghai and Japan, &c.     | Nile             | P. M. Co.    | 31 December     |
| do do do                                      | Mongolia         | P. M. Co.    | 7 January       |
| do do do                                      | Nippon Maru      | T. K. K.     | 11 January      |
| Victoria, Vancouver, &c.                      | Ockley           | Bank Line    | End of December |
| Victoria, B.C., and Tacoma via Japan, &c.     | Tacoma Maru      | O. S. K.     | 28 December     |
| Victoria, B.C., and Tacoma via Keelung, &c.   | Panama Maru      | O. S. K.     | 4 January       |
| Victoria, B.C., and Seattle via Shanghai, &c. | Awa Maru         | N. Y. K.     | 31 December     |
| Vancouver via Shanghai and Japan, &c.         | Empress of India | O. P. R. Co. | 11 January      |
| Vancouver                                     | Monteagle        | O. P. R. Co. | 8 March         |

## Australia.

|                             |                |             |             |
|-----------------------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Australian Ports            | Changsha       | B. & S.     | 4 January   |
| Australian Ports via Manila | Prinz Waldemar | M. & Co.    | 28 December |
| do do do                    | St. Albans     | G. L. & Co. | 4 January   |
| do do do                    | Yawata Maru    | N. Y. K.    | 15 January  |

## Singapore, Coast Ports and Japan.

|                                         |                 |             |                   |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Batavia, Cheribon, Samarang, &c.        | Tjitaroem       | J. C. J. L. | Quick despatch    |
| do do do                                | Tjinhai         | J. C. J. L. | Quick despatch    |
| Singapore, Penang and Calcutta          | Thongwa         | D. S. & Co. | 27 December       |
| do do do                                | Namsang         | J. M. & Co. | 24 December       |
| Singapore, Penang and Rangoon           | Okara           | J. M. & Co. | 12 January        |
| Singapore, Penang, Rangoon and Calcutta | Colombo Maru    | N. Y. K.    | 28 December       |
| Bombay via Singapore and Colombo        | Kamakura Maru   | N. Y. K.    | 6 January         |
| Kudat and Sandakan                      | Borneo          | M. & Co.    | Middle of January |
| Japan                                   | Tjiliwong       | J. C. J. L. | Quick despatch    |
| do                                      | Tjimanook       | J. C. J. L. | Quick despatch    |
| Yokohama and Kobe                       | Futaba          | J. M. & Co. | 14 January        |
| Yokohama and Kobe via Shanghai          | E. F. Ferdinand | S. W. & Co. | 30 Dec., about    |
| do do do                                | Vorwaerts       | S. W. & Co. | 30 Dec., about    |
| Kobe and Moji                           | Arratoon Apar.  | D. S. & Co. | 30 December       |
| Kobe and Yokohama                       | Coblentz        | M. & Co.    | 7 Jan., about     |
| do do do                                | Kaga Maru       | N. Y. K.    | 2 January         |
| Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama             | Nikko Maru      | N. Y. K.    | 15 January        |
| Kwang-chow-wang and Haiphong            | Si-Kiang        | M. M. Co.   | 1 January         |
| Tsingtau, Weihaiwei and Chafoo          | Hanchow         | B. & S.     | 24 December       |
| Anping and Takao via Swatow and Amoy    | Soshu Maru      | O. S. K.    | 25 December       |
| Swatow, Amoy and Foochow                | Haiching        | D. L. & Co. | 27 December       |
| Foochow via Swatow and Amoy             | Haitan          | D. L. & Co. | 31 December       |
| Manila                                  | Kaijo Maru      | O. S. K.    | 1 January         |
| Manila, Mangarin, Iloilo and Cebu       | Loongsang       | J. M. & Co. | 28 December       |
| do do do                                | Zafiro          | S. T. & Co. | 27 December       |
| Shanghai, Kobe and Moji                 | Rubi            | S. T. & Co. | 7 January         |
| Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama             | Dilwara         | D. S. & Co. | 24 December       |
| do do do                                | Carmarthenshire | J. M. & Co. | 14 Jan., about    |
| do do do                                | Dumbea          | M. M. Co.   | 30 December       |
| do do do                                | Altmark         | H. A. L.    | 3 January         |
| Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama       | Sunda           | P. & O. Co. | 28 Dec., about    |
| Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama   | Prinz Ludwig    | M. & Co.    | 26 Dec., about    |
| Shanghai                                | Tjilatjap       | J. C. J. L. | Quick despatch    |
| do                                      | Tjibodas        | J. C. J. L. | Quick despatch    |
| do                                      | Tjikini         | P. M. Co.   | Quick despatch    |
| do                                      | Koerber         | S. W. & Co. | 5 January         |
| do                                      | Chenan          | B. & S.     | 28 December       |
| do                                      | Linan           | B. & S.     | 28 December       |
| do                                      | Ohoyang         | J. M. & Co. | 29 December       |
| do                                      | India           | P. & O. Co. | 2 Jan., about     |

## To Sail

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE  
AND MOJI.

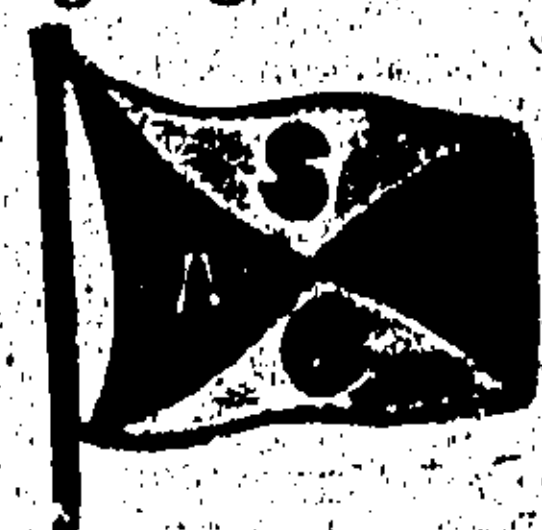
## THE Steamship

"DILWARA"  
Capt. W. J. Bishop, will be despatched  
for the above ports on THURSDAY,  
the 26th Dec., at Noon.  
The Steamer has superior accom-  
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3 days)  
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stay of 5 to 6 days in Japan.  
Return tickets are available by the  
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Agents.  
Hongkong, 19th Dec., 1912. [1912]

Harrison, Mr. E. King, of  
Bullard, King, and Co., Mr. John  
Byron, of Ronnie's Aberdeen  
Line, and Mr. W. Slaveley Taylor.  
In their attitude toward the  
question, therefore, the ship-  
owners show a solid front, and it  
is understood that should the  
present proposal not prove ac-  
ceptable to the merchants as a

## To Sail

## Hongkong—New York.

AMERICAN ASIATIC S.S. CO.  
FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ  
CANAL.

(With liberty to call at the Malabar  
Coast)  
British S.S. "SWAZI"  
on or about 11th January, 1913.  
For freight & further information,  
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General Agents.  
Hongkong, 2nd Dec. 1912. [1912]

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perfectly prepared to make the  
South African shipping trade an  
entirely free market; but in that  
event, fluctuations and varying  
rates, which both the Union Go-  
vernment and trader are most  
anxious to avoid, would inevit-  
ably result. Representing the  
South African merchants were  
Messrs. F. Dyer, Harry Mowbray,  
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register and classed 100 A.I. at Lloyd's,  
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accommodation, fitted with wireless  
telegraphy, electric fans in all states  
rooms and carrying first class passen-  
gers only, is due at Hongkong on the  
18th instant, and will leave for Yokohama  
direct the following day. She  
will return here on THURSDAY,  
January 2nd and sail for Singapore,  
Penang, Rangoon, Calcutta, Madras,  
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A number of recent first class berths  
are available at moderate rates, and  
special accommodation can also be book-  
ed if required. For further particulars  
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STEAMERS.VESSELS ADVERTISED TO  
DEPART TO-MORROW.

| For                                      | Vessel                                                                             |
|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Straits, Swatow, Europe, Swatow.         | Sicilia.                                                                           |
| Japan, Tacoma, Shanghai, Foochow, Japan. | Holhow, Luettow, Soshu-maru, Dilwara, Tacoma-maru, Chenan, Haiching, Prinz Ludwig. |

## DEPART ON THURSDAY.

| For                                      | Vessel                                                                             |
|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Straits, Swatow, Europe, Swatow.         | Sicilia.                                                                           |
| Japan, Tacoma, Shanghai, Foochow, Japan. | Holhow, Luettow, Soshu-maru, Dilwara, Tacoma-maru, Chenan, Haiching, Prinz Ludwig. |

VESSELS ADVERTISED TO  
ARRIVE TO-MORROW.

| From                   | Vessels                               |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Moji, Singapore, Moji. | Orteric, Prinz Ludwig, Fitz Clarence. |

## AMERICAN MAIL.

The T. K. K. s.s. Nippon Maru,  
arrives at Yokohama from Hono-  
lulu on the 24th inst., and is ex-  
pected on the 3rd January.

The T. K. K. s.s. Chiyo Maru,  
left Hongkong for San Francisco  
via usual ports of call on Saturday  
the 21st inst.

The T. K. K. s.s. Tenyo Maru,  
left Honolulu for Yokohama on  
the 19th inst., and is due here on  
the 9th January.

The T. K. K. s.s. Shinyo Maru,  
arrived at San Francisco from  
Honolulu on the 27th inst., and  
leaves again for Hongkong on the  
8th January.

The T. K. K. s.s. Hongkong  
Maru, arrived at Honolulu from  
Yokohama on the 31st inst., and  
leaves again for Manila the  
same day.

## CANADIAN MAIL.

The O. P. R. s.s. Monteagle,  
arrived at Kobe, on the 21st inst.,  
at 8 a.m., and left again at noon  
same day for Yokohama, where  
she was due to arrive on the 22nd  
inst., at 2 p.m.

## FRENCH MAIL.

The s.s. Ernest Simons will not  
leave Shanghai before the 25th  
inst., and is expected to arrive here  
on the 28th inst.

The M.M. s.s. Ernest Simons,  
with the outward French mail,  
will leave for Europe on the 28th  
inst., at 7 p.m.

The M.M. s.s. Caledonien, with  
the outward French mail, will  
leave for Europe on the 31st inst.,  
at 1 p.m.

## GERMAN MAIL.

The I. G. M. s.s. Prinz Ludwig,  
carrying the German mails with  
dates from Berlin of the 25th ult.,  
left Singapore Saturday the  
21st inst., at 8 p.m., and may be  
expected here on or about Thurs-  
day the 26th inst., at night.

## AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The E. and A. str. St. Albans,  
from Sydney, left Port Darwin on  
the 2nd inst. for Timor, Manila  
and Hongkong.

The E. and A. str. Eastern, left  
Sydney on the 18th inst. for this  
port via Queensland and ports,  
Port Darwin and Manila.

## MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The s.s. Shimosa sailed from  
New York on the 24th ult., for  
Far East, via the Straits.

The str. Kansas, passed the  
Suez Canal on the 3rd December,  
and is due here on or about 3rd  
January.

The I. M. G. s.s. Coblentz, left  
Sydney, on the 14th inst., at 11  
a.m., and may be expected here  
on or about 6th January.

The s.s. Fitz Clarence, sailed  
from Moji on the 21st inst., and is  
expected to arrive here on the  
26th inst.

The s.s. Orteric, sailed from  
Moji on the 20th inst., and is ex-  
pected to arrive here on the 25th  
inst.

The T. K. K. s.s. Kiyo Maru,  
arrives at Yokohama from Hono-  
lulu on the 2nd January and is  
expected here on the 18th January.

The str. Line s.s. Indramayo,  
from New York, is due at Hong-  
kong on the 31st inst. She left  
Cebu on the 30th inst.

The I. G. S. N. s.s. Fooksang,  
from Calcutta, is due at Hongkong  
on the 2nd January.

The I. G. S. N. s.s. Tingsang,  
from Wuhu, is due at Hongkong  
on the 24th inst. She passed  
Woosung on the 21st inst.

The T. K. K. s.s. Kiyo Maru,  
arrives at Yokohama from Hono-  
lulu on the 2nd January and is  
expected here on the 18th January.

The s.s. Glenroy, passed the  
Suez Canal on the 20th inst., for  
Hongkong via Straits.

The I. G. M. s.s. Prinz Walde-  
mar, left Yokohama on the 20th  
inst., at 10 p.m., and may be ex-  
pected here on or about 27th inst.,  
a.m.

The P. & O. s.s. Sunda, left  
Singapore for this port on the 23rd  
inst., at 8.30 a.m., and is due here  
on the 30th inst., at about 6 a.m.

The American & Manchurian  
Line s.s. Kansas, left Sabang on  
the 22nd inst., and is due here on  
or about 30th inst., p.m.

T. K. K. s.s. Bujo Maru, arrived  
at Coronel from Valparaiso on  
the 21st inst., and leaves again on  
her homeward voyage on the 26th  
inst.

## VESSELS IN PORT.

## Steamers.

Anping, Chi. s.s., 1,412, MacKin-  
non, 23rd Dec.—Canton  
22nd inst., Gen.—C. M.  
N. Co.

Awa Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,911, R.  
Shimidzu, 22nd Dec.—  
Shanghai 19th Dec., Gen.—  
N. Y. K.

Banri Maru, Jap. s.s., 2,360, Y.  
Mase, 22nd Dec.—Sour-  
abaya 11th Dec., Sugar—  
D. & Co.

Canton Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,927, D.  
Murakami, 22nd Dec.—  
Wakamatsu 13th Dec.—  
Coal—M. B. K.

Dilwara, Br. s.s., 3,460, W. J.  
Bishop, 21st Dec.—Singa-  
pore 15th Dec., Gen.—D.  
S. & Co.

Eiger, Nor. s.s., 1,875, E. Fingal-  
son, 22nd Dec.—Hail-  
phong and Holhow 21st  
Dec., Gen.—J. & Co.

Empress of India, Br. s.s., 5,940,  
A. Hailey, 21st Dec.—  
Vancouver, B.C., 28th  
Nov







## COMMERCIAL.

## The Novara's Maiden Voyage.

The Novara, the new P. and O. steamer of the N. Class and registering 7,000 tons arrived in Shanghai on the 18th on her maiden trip which from the accounts of the passengers has been far from pleasant, says the "China Press." The vessel, which looks epic and span despite the severe buffeting through which she has passed, first struck bad weather in the Bay of Biscay and had the unusual experience of having every passenger down with sea sickness and also the stewardess. There was aboard the vessel an elderly gentleman who was taking a trip for the benefit of his health and accompanying him was his nephew, a Doctor Grosvenor. The gentleman in question complained of feeling unwell on entering the Mediterranean Sea, and on the advice of his many friends decided to leave the vessel at Port Said and return home. Before arriving at the first port of call, however, he was taken seriously ill and despite the active attentions of the doctor of the ship, Dr. Humphry, the gentleman died just as the island of Malta was appearing in view. The burial service was read at sea on November 10 and the coffin which was not properly weighted was seen floating for some considerable time. Deceased's nephew, Dr. Grosvenor, was also feeling unwell and he too received the attention of Dr. Humphry. The complaint from which Dr. Grosvenor was suffering was diagnosed to be appendicitis and when the vessel entered the Arabian sea it was found necessary to perform an operation if the patient's life was to be saved. The weather was not of the best at the time but an operation was the last resource and the engines were stopped, the operation performed and the journey was resumed. Mr. Grosvenor was assiduously nursed during the remainder of the voyage and when he arrived at Hongkong, his destination, he was well on the way to complete recovery. During the voyage from Port Said to Colombo the weather was unusually hot and many of the passengers were under medical care for a long time. It was also stated that one of the Luscar crew came to loggerheads with one of the officers and that a fight resulted in which the officer was severely bitten on the finger, but inquiries last failed to confirm this story. Leaving Singapore a strong monsoon was encountered accompanied by high seas and fog impeding the progress of the vessel from Hongkong. Despite these adversities and also the fact that the ship had to anchor an hour and a half outside Woosung on account of fog, she was nearly twenty-four hours before her time. She set out from London on Nov. 2.

**Fall in Price of Beans.**  
Dally, December 13.—It appears that this year's favourable crops of American and Indian cotton and African flax have resulted in a very liberal supply of cotton and linseed oils appearing on the European Market. This has lowered the demands for Manohurian Beans for export from Vladivostok, and in consequence stocks are fast accumulating at Harbin. A fall in price has followed, and has lowered the Harbin market so far down as to make it worth while for dealers in South Manchuria to buy even at Harbin.

**Ground Nuts in Kwangtung.**  
Ground nuts have become an important article of produce in the Kwangtung Landed Territory. The sterile sandy lands are well suited for the cultivation of ground nuts, and are being rapidly converted to ground nut fields. This is particularly true of the zone lying between Ying-cheng-tzu and San-shih-pu. A railway passenger looking out of the window has no doubt seen piles of bags standing at the railway stations on this section. These are ground nuts awaiting transportation. The rising of ground nuts was started experimentally a few years ago, but attracted little attention at the outset until the lucrative nature of its cultivation became widely known among the Chinese peasants. The sandy lands which used to be worth only Y80 per 2,000 taels are now quoted at 25 hundred yen.

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Hongkong, 18th Dec., 1912. [988]

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SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL

(Evening)

JANUARY 13th

SALOME

JANUARY 14th

TAMING OF THE SHREW

JANUARY 15th

THE SECOND Mrs. TANQUERAY

JANUARY 16th

THE CARDINAL

JANUARY 17th

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NOTICE is hereby given that all

Fire Insurance Offices will be

closed for the transaction of Public

Business on Wednesday and Thursday,

25th and 26th inst.

By Order,

A. R. LOWE,

Secretary.

## MARINE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

## XMAS HOLIDAYS.

NOTICE is hereby given that all

Marine Insurance Offices will be

closed for the transaction of Public

Business on Wednesday and Thursday,

25th and 26th inst.

By Order,

A. R. LOWE,

Secretary.

## KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.

## (BRITISH SECTION).

## CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

NOTICE is hereby given that an

additional train will leave Kow-

loon for Sham Chun calling at the Golf

Course Crossing, Fan-Ling at 10.15

a.m. on Christmas Day, Boxing Day

and New Year's Day.

On the above dates the train ad-

vertised to leave Kowloon at 5.30 p.m.

will leave at 5.10 p.m. and will run

according to the Saturday and Sunday

timings.

By order,

H. P. WINSLOW,

Manager.

Kowloon, 19th Dec., 1912. [297]

## THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE CO., LD.

(CAPITAL PAID UP, \$1,350,000.)

Loans on Mortgage of House Property

and

Goods received on Storage.

Advances made on Merchandise.

Loans made on the Provident System.

(Rates and Particulars on application.)

THE OFFICE OF

TRUSTEE, EXECUTOR OF

WILLS, ATTORNEY, &c.

Undertaken and Executed by

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.

General Managers.

Hongkong, 18th March, 1908. [3]

## Banks

## INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION.

Head Office: 60, Wall Street, New York.

London Office: 25, Abchurch Lane, E.C.

## BRANCHES:

Bombay, Calcutta, Canton, Cebu, Colon, Hankow, Hongkong, Shanghai, Yokohama.

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EVERY DESCRIPTION OF BANKING BUSI-

NESS TRANSACTED ON THE MOST

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened on the usual

terms.

DEPOSITS RECEIVED, fixed for one year at

4% per annum, or for shorter periods, at rates, which

may be ascertained on application.

LETTERS OF CREDIT AND DRAFTS granted

on all the principal cities in the world.

THE BANK'S CIRCULAR LETTERS OF

CREDIT are available all over the world.

PURCHASE AND SALE of Stocks and Shares

and

TRAVELLERS CHECKS sold and cashed.

GEORGE HOGG,

Manager.

9, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 1st Nov., 1912. [19]

## THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

Established 1880.

Authorised Capital Yen 48,000,000

Paid-up Capital ... 30,000,000

Reserve Fund ... 17,500,000

Head Office.—YOKOHAMA.

Branches:

Antung-Hsien, Nagasaki, New York, Osaka, Peking, Ryojin Port, (Arthur), San Francisco, Shanghai, Tientsin, Tokyo.

Interest Allowed on Current

Account.

Deposits received for fixed

periods at rates to be obtained on

application.

TAKAO TAKAMICHI,

Manager.

Hongkong, 1st April, 1912. [18]

## Notices

## PEAK TRAMWAYS CO., LIMITED.

## TIME TABLE.

## WEEK DAYS.

7.00 a.m. to 8.00 a.m. Every 15 min.

8.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. " 10 min.

10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. " 10 min.

11.00 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. " 15 min.

12.45 p.m. to 1.15 p.m. " 10 min.

1.15 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. " 15 min.

1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. " 10 min.

2.15 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. " 15 min.

5.00 p.m. to 8.10 p.m. " 10 min.

## NIGHT CARS.

8.45 p.m. and 9 p.m. 8.45 p.m. to

11.30 p.m. every 15 minutes.

## SUNDAYS.

7.30 a.m.

8.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. every 15 min.

10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. " 10 min.

11.45 a.m. to 12.00 noon " 15 min.

12.00 noon to 1.00 p.m. " 10 min.

1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. " 15 min.

5.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. " 10 min.

6.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. " 15 min.

7.00 p.m. to 8.10 p.m. " 10 min.

## SIGHT CARS on Week Days.

## SATURDAYS.

Extra Cars at 11.45 p.m.

## SPECIAL CARS.

Arrangement at the Company's

Office, Alexandra Building,

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H. D. HUMPHREYS & SON,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 3rd Nov., 1911.

## THE FAMINE IN CHINA.

EIGHT FAMINE-DISTRICTS with an

area of 80,000 square miles.

TWO and a half million people

facing starvation.

PLEASE SEND YOUR CONTRI-

BUTION TO-DAY.

IT WILL HELP TO SAVE LIFE.

Treasurer, H. O. GULLAND, Esq.,

Manager, International Banking Corporation, Shanghai.

Hongkong, 24th January 1913. [170]

## GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

## PORTLAND CEMENT

In Casks of 375 lbs. net.

In Bags of 250 lbs. net.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 16th August, 1901. [8]

Madras and Fruit Cakes 60 and



## SARAWAK'S FUTURE.

## The Raja's Will.

His Highness the Raja of Sarawak has arrived in England, says an Exchange. It is characteristic of a man who has silently raised a tropical people from the conditions of the Stone Age to a state of civilisation that his arrival in England should pass without comment in the Press. The personality of Raja Brooke the second is remarkable. He received his training as an officer in the Royal Navy. His last ship was the old *Terrible*. Twice he was shipmate with the late Sir Harry Keppel. Having served during the sailing ship era his training abroad stood him in good stead in the long drawn-out struggle which has raised Sarawak from a jungle of head hunters to a princely and peaceful possession abounding in wealth and inhabited by a prosperous and contented people. Sarawak is captained by one who has mastered the secret of command. Sarawak has no debt. Its revenue is in excess of its expenditure. Taxation is light. Red tape is unknown. In its schools the religious difficulty does not exist. Moneylenders are kept at a distance, and the bane of lawyers, proctors, and advocates, who batten on white democracies like white ants in veranda posts, are kept in their proper place. The State is rich in rubber, in gold, in spices, in pepper, in rice, and in petroleum. The latest analysis of Sarawak oil proves it to be of the finest kind. The Raja has made a contract with the Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Company, Limited, which grants to the company the sole and exclusive right during a certain period, to search for petroleum, etc., to open wells, and to execute all necessary works for the winning of oil subject to conditions which are laid down in the agreement, which include the payment of an adequate royalty.

Although Sarawak is a Protectorate of Great Britain as regards its foreign affairs, the Raja is a Sovereign Prince as regards internal affairs. One of the uses that his Highness has made of his despotic power within the State of Sarawak is to insert the following clause in the agreement with the petroleum company that works the concession:

"The Company hereby covenants that during the continuance of the Licences hereby granted it will not export any of the said mineral products which can be safely used as liquid fuel as to leave a quantity of less than 10,000 tons (English measure) stored in the district aforesaid, and further that such quantity of 10,000 tons of liquid shall be used only for the purpose of supplying the ships of the Navy of Great Britain or any of her Colonies."

The Raja is old. Though upwards of four-score years, his eye is not dim and his natural force is not abated. In modern terms, he is "hard as nails." But in spite of physical and mental fitness which may well carry him to the age of old Dandolo, the future of Sarawak is naturally the object of the Raja's concern. It is coveted by powerful and aspiring financiers. Many a watering month among the avid capitalists are turned towards the oasis of Sarawak. It is a toothsome morsel. Under the control of business men harassed by sentiment or tied by compassion the State of Sarawak would become a Tom Tiddler's ground for Hoggensheimer and company. A little touch of the sweating system—and only a little—with free sale of land, and Sarawak might pay cent percent to its shareholders if it were turned over to a parent syndicate of financiers bent on dividends through the exploitation of the natives. To succeed in their design, all that is required is the conjunction of a complacent Colonial Secretary and an absentee Raja.

The practice and tradition of the Brooke dynasty resident in Sarawak is to enforce justice and acquire the confidence of the people. The revenues are collected from just sources, not by the sale of land to companies and capitalists. The land that belongs to the people is reserved for the people. The enforcement of that reservation distinguishes the rule of Raja Brooke from any other policy with which I am acquainted.

quainted. Sarawak is neither governed on commercial nor on sentimental lines. The ruler, it is true, stands no nonsense from his subjects; neither will he suffer an injustice to be inflicted on the humblest of his people. While the Raja lives there is not much fear of a Radical Government hand in glove with aspiring capitalists getting their fangs into the throat of Sarawak. When the Raja is dead, how is the Brooke tradition to be maintained?

His Highness has publicly announced his intention of forming a committee in London to ensure stability in negotiating with European parties and concerns and to act as a referee to the Eastern Raj in all affairs taking place outside of Sarawak. If this committee were formed of old Sarawak residents, strengthened by two or three disinterested men of standing, trusted by the British public and enjoying the support of the Raja's heir and of his two brothers, it is probable that a well-conceived testamentary disposition made by his Highness and published to the world ensure the continuance of the Brooke tradition. Since however a Sarawak Committee might prove meddlesome and therefore inconvenient to a future Raja who might abolish with one stroke of the pen the committee which his predecessor had created, it is clear that something more is required than mere promulgation of the appointment of an advisory committee. In this matter, though himself bound by the first Raja's will, his Highness is omnipotent. No British Government, no Prime Minister, no Colonial Secretary, however astute or unscrupulous, could carry public opinion against Raja Brooke if his Highness were to make a solemn will and testament setting forth the provisions that shall always govern the future of Sarawak in order to ensure the continuance of a mild, firm, just, and resident rule, which for seventy years has lasted for the good of the people.

The idea of an absentee Raja luxuriating in London or punting at Monte Carlo with the revenues of Sarawak is unthinkable if the people of Sarawak are to be safeguarded against the inroads of commercialism of the Marconi, Putnam, and Standard Oil type. The Raja, and the Raja alone, can require that his successors in the Raj shall undertake to spend their time in Sarawak, that absence for more than a certain period, say a year at any one time, should ipso facto void the succession, which should then pass to the nearest male kinsman of full age. The Raja has three sons. It is reasonable to believe that they, equally with their father, are inspired with the due sense of the tradition they inherit. They know the slow and arduous steps by which success without parallel among existing tropical communities has been attained. Raja Brooke takes nothing out of the country for himself. Prodigal of his own health and exertions, he has given his life to the people of the country. He has not taken their money. His Highness draws a pittance from the State and has thereby established a record of disinterested service which is as remarkable in its way as his executive and constructive ability. These things make fine tradition for any family, however illustrious. Rumours have been heard of dissensions in the Brooke family. If they have occurred, I do not believe that they now exist. The solidarity of the Brooke family in the maintenance of the Brooke tradition is essential to Sarawak, though it may require sacrifices from the sons if the life-work of the father is to endure.

The Colonial Office has deteriorated under Radical rule. Some of its best men quit the service in the prime of life. Commercialism has invaded it under Radical rule, as commercialism or jobbery tainted the Treasury, the India Office, and the Post Office. Sarawak is a foreign State. Its internal affairs are outside the authority or jurisdiction of the Parliament of the United Kingdom. The Colonial Office has contracted the habit of nibbling and gnawing at rich protected States because their absorption increases the Ministers' patronage and strengthens the party in power. Patriarchal rule abhors red tape. So does the British public. Red tape is the darling of the Colonial Office.

## POST OFFICE.

## CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS HOLIDAYS.

The Post Office will be open on Christmas Day, on Thursday the 26th instant and on Wednesday the 1st January 1913—from 8 till 9 a.m. only. There will be one delivery of ordinary correspondence and one collection of letters each day as on Sundays.

The Money Order office will be entirely closed during the holidays.

## MAILS ARRIVED TO-DAY.

Manila, s.s. Zafiro, Swatow, s.s. Haimun, Sandakan, s.s. Borneo, Shanghai, s.s. Sicilia, Manila, s.s. Loongsang, Shanghai, s.s. Lutzow.

## MAILS VIA SIBERIA.

German, Prinz Ludwig 26th inst.

The Prinz Ludwig with the German mail here left Singapore on Saturday the 21st inst. at 8 p.m. and may be expected here on Thursday the 26th inst. at night.

## MAILS CLOSE.

Straits and Ceylon—Per Sicilia, 25th Dec., 9 a.m.

Swatow and Amoy—Per Hainan, 25th Dec., 9 a.m.

Hongkong—Per Hainan, 25th Dec., 9 a.m.

Haiphong and Pakhoi—Per Hainan, 25th Dec., 9 a.m.

Tourane—Per Helene, 26th Dec., 9 a.m.

Hainan and Pakhoi—Per Hainan, 26th Dec., 9 a.m.

Shanghai and Pakhoi—Per Hainan, 26th Dec., 9 a.m.

Shanghai, North China and Japan via Kobe—Per Dilwara, 26th Dec., 11 a.m.

Japan via Nagasaki Victoria and Tacoma—Per Tacoma-maru, 26th Dec., noon.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 26th Dec., 9 a.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per Chenan, 26th Dec., 3 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Faiching, 26th Dec., 5 p.m.

Haiphong and Pakhoi—Per Sung-kiang, 27th Dec., 9 a.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per Choyang, 27th Dec., 11 a.m.

Japan via Kobe—Per Bani-maru, 27th Dec., 11 a.m.

Hongkong—Per Wuhu, 27th Dec., 11 a.m.

Shanghai, North China, and Japan via Nagasaki (Europe via Siberia)—Per Prinz Ludwig, 27th Dec., 11 a.m.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 27th Dec., 1.15 p.m.

Philippine Islands—Per Loongsang, 28th Dec., 1 p.m.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 28th Dec., 1.15 p.m.

Philippine Islands—Per Zafiro, 28th Dec., 3 p.m.

Philippine Islands, Yap, Maroon, Fred, Wilhelmshafen, Rabaul, Herbertshofe, Matupi, Samarai, Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand via Brisbane—Per Prinz Waldemar, 28th Dec., 4 p.m.

Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, Adelaide, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—Per Ernest Simons, 28th Dec., 5 p.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per Choyang, 28th Dec., 5 p.m.

Shanghai, North China (Europe via Siberia)—Per Linan, 28th Dec., 5 p.m.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 29th Dec., 1.15 p.m.

Straits, India via Calcutta—Per Thongwa, 30th Dec., noon.

Japan via Kuchintzu, Victoria, Tacoma Vancouver and Seattle—Per Cyclops, 30th Dec., 2 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Haimun, 30th Dec., 5 p.m.

Batavia, Semarang Sourabaya and Macassar—Per Tijmanock, 31st Dec., 10 a.m.

Tsingtau, Weihaiwei, Chefoo and Dalny—Per Changchow, 31st Dec., 10 a.m.

Shanghai, North China Japan via Nagasaki, Honolulu, Canada, United States and South America via San Francisco (Europe via Siberia)—Per Nilu, 31st Dec., noon.

Philippine Islands—Per Kaifong, 31st Dec., 3 p.m.

Philippine Islands, Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand via Darwin—Per St Albans, 4th Jan., 10 a.m.

## SHIPPING NEWS.

## ARRIVED.

Ockley, Br. s.s., 2,925, R. W. Barrett, 23rd Dec.—Seattle, U.S.A. 4th Nov., Gen.—B. L.

Hakata Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,870, H. Nomura, 23rd Dec.—Singapore, 17th Dec., Gen.—N. Y. K.

Wuhu, Br. s.s., 1,280, Howard, 23rd Dec.—Chefoo 18th Dec., Gen.—B. & S.

Haimun, Br. s.s., 641, J. W. Evans, 24th Dec.—Swatow 23rd Dec., Gen.—D. L. & Co.

Loongsang, Br. s.s., 1,093, Leask, 24th Dec.—Manila 21st Dec., Hemp and Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Thongwa, Br. s.s., 3,428, R. P. Fysh, 24th Dec.—Kobe and Moji 20th Dec., Gen.—D. S. & Co.

Zafiro, Am. s.s., 1,024, F. S. Murray, 24th Dec.—Manila 21st Dec., bacoo—S. T. & Co.

Pathfinder, Am. torpedoboot, 895, H. O. Denson, 24th Dec.—Manila 21st Dec.

Lutzow, Ger. s.s., 5,116, J. Bortfeld, 24th Dec.—Yokohama 14th Dec., Gen.—M. & Co.

Trigonia, Br. s.s., 1,870, Groendijk, 24th Dec.—Palembang 16th Dec., Bulk oil—A. P. & Co.

Heimdal, Nor. s.s., 762, Johnsen, 24th Dec.—Haiphong 22nd Dec., Stone—S. T. & Co.

Borneo, Ger. s.s., 1,344, F. Sembill, 24th Dec.—Sandakan 28th Dec., Timber—M. & Co.

Sicilia, Br. s.s., 4,184, C. H. Watkins, 24th Dec.—Yokohama 10th Dec., Gen.—P. & Co.

## CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

Europa-maru, for Milke, Seangbee, for Rangoon, Wuhu, for Canton, Segovia, for Manila, Alasia for Hamburg, Dec. 24.

Kueichow, for Manila, Pheumpenh, for Saigon, Namsang, for Calcutta, Haimun, for Swatow, Hakata-maru, for Yokohama, Hangchow, for Chefoo, Trigonia, for Baltimore, Heimdal, for Antwerp, Dec. 24.

Yohanne, for Haiphong, Kwangtah, for Shanghai, Ariake-maru, for Milke, Ningpo, for Singapore, Mathilde, for Hainan, Fukura-maru, for Wakamatsu, Dec. 24.

Haiyang, for Foochow, Seangbee, for Amoy, Kansu, for Canton, Chiyuen, for Canton, Erken, for Kebau, Teiching, for Shanghai, Kingshing, for Shanghai, Kwangtah, for Shanghai, Namsang, for Straits, Kueichow, for Philippine Islands, Ningpo, for Shanghai, Hangchow, for Chefoo, Tingan, for Haiphong, Segovia, for Philippine Islands, Pheumpenh, for Saigon, Alasia, for Straits, Hakata-maru, for Shanghai, Dec. 24.

Per s.s. Chenan, arrived 22nd inst. from Shanghai—Alliston, Mrs. Garr, Corp. Donaldson, Hearle, Lieut. Gough, White, Mrs.

Per s.s. Haiyang, arrived 22nd inst. from Foochow, &c.—Bradshaw, S. Sangar, P. M. Jamieson, Mr. Tennent, B. and Mrs. E. Young, S. O. Bargmann.

Per s.s. Ockley, arrived 23rd inst., from Seattle—Harvey, Mrs. Kirkwood, Mrs. & Miss.

Per s.s. Loongsang, arrived 24th inst., from Manila—McConaughy, Firetti.

Per s.s. Thongwa, arrived 24th inst., from Kobe, &c.—Bell, Mr. & Mrs.

Per s.s. Zafiro, arrived 24th inst., from Manila—Short, A. Garces, Rev. Flocom, Rev. P. Jurado.

S IPS PASSED THE CANAL.

London, 6th December.

Arrivals from China—Brodmere, Derflinger, Miyasaki Maru, Persius.

The following vessels have passed the Canal—Dumbes, Jessorio, Klano Maru, Montrose, P. E. Friedrich, Prinz Ludwig, Telemachus, Acacia, Australis.

## WEATHER REPORT.

On the 24th at 12.25.—Pressure has increased moderately over the whole of China, and Formosa, but is inclined to give way over the Philippines.

Strong monsoon is indicated along the coast of China to the south of Shanghai and over the N. China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day 0.01 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

Distrot. Forecast.

1 Hongkong and Neighbourhood. N.E. winds, fresh; fine.

2 Formosa Channel. Strong northerly gale.

3 South coast of China between H.K. and Lamook. The same as No. 1.

4 South coast of China between H.K. and Hainan. The same as No. 1.

China Coast Meteorological Register.

24th December, a.m.

Station. Hour. Barometer. Temperature. Humidity. Wind. Force.

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Tokio " " " " " "

Kochi " " " " " "

Nagasaki " " " " " "

Kishima " " " " " "

Oshima " " " " " "

Naha " " " " " "

Ishijima " " " " " "

Bonin Is. " " " " " "

Chefoo " " " " " "

W'haiwei " " " " " "

Hankow " " " " " "

Kiukiang " " " " " "

Shanghai " " " " " "

Gutzlaff " " " " " "

Sharp P. " " " " " "

Amoy " " " " " "

Swatow " " " " " "

Taihou " " " " " "

Taichu " " " " " "

Tainan " " " " " "

Koshun " " " " " "

P'lores " " " " " "

Canton " " " " " "

H'kong " " " " " "

V. Peak " " " " " "

Gap Rock " " " " " "

Macao " " " " " "

Wuchow " " " " " "

Hohow " " " " " "

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Aparri " " " " " "

Manila " " " " " "

Legaspi " " " " " "

Bacolod " " " " " "

Iloilo " " " " " "

Cebu " " " " " "

Labuan " " " " " "

T. F. Claxton, Director.

Hongkong Observatory, Dec. 24.

1 Barometer, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit on the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.

2 Temperature, in the shade, in degrees Fahrenheit.

3 Humidity, in percentage of saturation, the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.

4 Direction of Wind, to two points.

5 Force of Wind, according to Beaufort Scale.

6 State of Weather, b blue sky, c detached cloud, d drizzling rain, f fog, g gloomy, h hail, l lightning, o overcast, p passing showers, q squally, r rain, s snow, t thunder, v visibility, w dew (wet).

0 Rain in inches, tenths and hundredths.

METEOROLOGICAL.

Previous Day On Date On Date

Barometer 30.07 30.21 30.23

Temperature 65 63 61

Humidity 63 65 58

Wind E E N

Direction 2 4 1

Force 0 0 0

Weather 0 0 0

Rain 0 0 0

Highest open air temperature on the 24th 66

Lowest " " " " " "

H.K. Observatory, 23rd Dec., 1912.

T. F. Claxton, Director.

TIDE TABLE.

Dec. 24th to 30th Dec., 1912.

24 25 26 27 28 29 30

High Water Mean Time

Low Water Mean Time

Tues. 11 10 10 10 10 10 10

Wed. 11 10 10 10 10 10 10

Thurs. 11 10 10 10 10 10 10

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Sat. 11 10 10 10 10 10 10

Sun. 11 10 10 10 10 10 10

Mon. 11 10 10 10 10 10 10

m morning a afternoon.

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Hongkong, 19th December, 1912.

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